

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Today is the last Sunday in Lent and the first day of Holy Week. It is the Sunday at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross are recalled. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria around 380. There was a procession down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. People waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. They sang psalms and shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" In our 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, the Liturgy of the Palms is the entrance rite for the service. It includes a reading of one of the gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The people receive blessed palm branches, and may process in or around the church. The Liturgy of the Palms is followed by the salutation and the collect of the day. There the service changes focus abruptly from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the solemnity of the Passion. The Passion Gospel from Matthew, Mark, or Luke is read. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons; the congregation takes the part of the crowd. Brief silence is observed when the moment of Jesus' death is narrated.

Adapted from An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The altar servers and choir gather at the front of the church. The People gather around for Liturgy of the Palms, which begins with the ringing of a bell.

Cantor or Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Presider: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for

Celebrant
... ev - er. A - men.
People

The palms are distributed.

Cantor or Celebrant
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE PROCESSION

Deacon
Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.
People

MUSIC AT THE PROCESSION Highland Cathedral Roever/Korb, arr. Maynard

The procession moves down the aisle, out the main doors, and around the church. [In inclement weather, the procession is made around the Nave.] Order of procession: thurifer, crucifer, bagpipes and drums, choir, congregation, altar party. You may remain seated in the Nave. When all have returned to the church, the people remain standing for the following hymn:

HYMN OF PRAISE All glory, laud, and honor Hymn 154 (Valet will ich dir geben)

Refrain
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
 the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens—
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
 The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.
 I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.
 The Lord God helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (*sung by the choir*)

In te, Domine, speravi

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow
Hymn 435 (*King's Weston*)



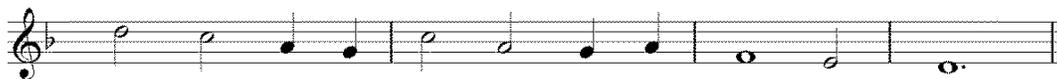
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

All are seated.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Passion Gospel will be read by the congregation. Please refer to the booklet, and join in the parts in bold. The people remain seated until the arrival at Golgotha, when all stand.

A period of silence follows the Gospel. Then all remain standing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest

The season of Lent reminds us that life is to be found in even the most barren desert. With faith that the Holy Spirit is with us, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Intercessor

We pray for your holy catholic church, and for its ministers lay and ordained, that we may know unity in service to you. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority, in this nation and all nations, that their ideal may be justice and peace, in recognition that all people are created in the image of God. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all that you have created and named good, especially the land, sea, sky, and life surrounding us, that we may in gratitude care for it as you care for us. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all faith communities who are discerning God's call to them, especially our church, that this time of transition may bring clarity of purpose and renewed commitment to your mission in the world. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the children and youth of this and every community, that they may know love and safety, and grow in wisdom and compassion. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find comfort, strength, and healing. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may join with the saints in your eternal glory. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for those intercessions and thanksgivings which we now name before you, either silently or aloud.

Presider

God of all creation, gather us who wander: bring us from the wilderness of earthly trials into the garden of your love, where we will no longer hunger or thirst, but be filled with your life forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*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

O vos omnes

Carlo Gesualdo (1560-1613)

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam:
attendite et videte
si est dolor sicut dolor meus.*

O all ye that pass by the way,
attend and see
if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Text: Lamentations 1:12

*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

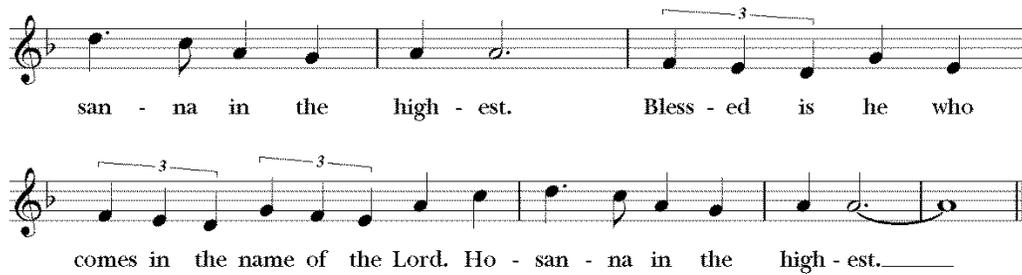
O sacred head, sore wounded
Hymn 168 (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*)

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.



Presider

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

You are invited to say the Lord’s Prayer in the language of your choice.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. 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 any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christus factus est

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
 usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
 even to the death, death on the cross.

*Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi
 nomen,
 quod est super omne nomen.*

Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a
 name
 which is above all names.

Text: Philippians 2:8-9

After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Priest

Bow down before the Lord.

Presider

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

My song is love unknown
Hymn 458 (*Love Unknown*)

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, with asterisks marking the beginning of the third, fourth, and fifth lines of the hymn.

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people leave in silence.



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Announcements

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

As a church, we are doing a special Lenten collection of funds for school and hospital supplies for St. Peter's, Likoma Island, Northern Malawi. There will be a special ingathering today, Palm Sunday.

Tonight: A HOLY WEEK JOURNEY, 7 P.M. Music and readings from scripture and poetry, tracing the path of Holy Week. Featuring the Elm City Consort and the St. Thomas's Schola Antiqua. Music by Byrd, Schütz, Scheidt, Sances and Poulenc. A beautiful event last year—and this year's addition of the Elm City Consort will make it moreso.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter:

- Get your **Easter flower and music donations** in by the end of the day **today**.
- On **Maundy Thursday** (April 13) we will have a soup & bread potluck and then a service of Holy Communion with foot washing. If you haven't RSVP'd, please sign up **TODAY** on the flip chart in the Lounge.
- There will be **no education programs** next Sunday, Easter Day.
- We will have an enhanced Coffee Hour "brunch" on **Easter Sunday**. We will need more food than usual, so please consider bringing a dish to share.

Beginning a Tradition. Part of Easter decorations this year will be a pot of mini narcissus for every child in pre-K through grade 5 who worships Easter Sunday. After the liturgy every child can take one of the narcissus pots home to plant next spring, when the narcissus bursts through the wintry ground, the family can teach that this demonstrates the way God can make little resurrections in our lives whenever we experience "winters."

And Another: Easter Bells! Help start a new tradition here at St. Thomas's: Bring a bell to the Easter Vigil and/or Easter Day services. We will ring them during the singing of the Gloria.

Please remember: In the family-friendly area at the front of the church, all children must be accompanied by a caregiver. We are fortunate to have MANY families with small children! We know space is tight in that area, and we will be considering options for expansion.

Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger: Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Park, New Haven. JOIN OUR TEAM! Join the walkers from the St. Thomas's Social Justice group or donate directly by going www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click "Join a Team." Our team name is **St. Thomas Social Justice**.

Day School Choral Evensong, April 26, 6 p.m., in the Church, reception in the Gym to follow Instead of Day School Sunday last fall, we decided to have this spring service of Choral Evensong. The service celebrates the Day School's 60th anniversary and recognizes retiring long-time Assistant Head Roxanne Turekian. Bishop Ian Douglas will officiate. Musical offerings will be made by the St. Thomas's Adult Choir and Choristers, as well as the Day School Bluestars. Simon has set "A Prayer for the World to Music," and Simon and Keri have written a new school song, both of which will be heard publicly for the first time that night. **PLEASE COME!** If you plan to stay for the reception, please RSVP with the Church Office. **Save the Date: Day School Spring Gala: April 29 at Lighthouse Point.**

And... please consider contributing to the reception. Volunteers are needed to bring baked goods or bottles of juice for the children who are singing that evening. To make arrangements, contact Day School Parent Emily Forrest (emilyniemitz@hotmail.com). Thank you!

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK ♦ April 12 ♦ A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE at 7 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ♦ April 13 ♦ SOUP SUPPER, FOOT WASHING, HOLY EUCHARIST at 6 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY ♦ April 14 ♦ THE WAY OF THE CROSS at Noon ♦ GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY at 7 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY ♦ April 15 ♦ THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 7 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY ♦ April 16 ♦ HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHOIRS & BRASS 10 A.M.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dorothy Asch
Thurifer: Peter Piech
Crucifer & Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Chris Martinez
Lectors: Sally Edwards, Matthew Babcock
Intercessor: Robert Laughton
Sacristans: Valerie Echols, Sara Misgen
Ushers/Greeters: Katie Coleman, Gail Curran, Mel & Judy Thompson
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kat & Laura Bower-Phipps, Jennifer Herdt & Jan Hagens, Julie & David Kelsey

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray in thanksgiving for:
the birth of Kaya, granddaughter of Gina Panza

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bill R., Bob H., Jane, Jonathan, Ken, Lee, Marilyn, Meg, Paul, Phil, Rod, Suzanne, Timothy

Pray for those who have died.

In St. Thomas's Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Paul Fanto; Michael Fournier, Jennifer Fournier, Christian, and Emma

Pray for our Catechumens: Kathryn and Sarah

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; All Saints', Meriden; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses

Collect for Stewardship of Creation (BCP, p. 259)
O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

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Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, you are invited to attend Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Education for all ages: On most Sundays during the academic year, education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. Sunday school is offered for children pre-K through grade 8; adult education takes place in The Lounge.

Families with small children: Two 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 area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

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.

At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required. There are usually two Communion stations, located at the front corners 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.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use 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 bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? _____

I would like to:

- Speak to a clergyperson
- Receive parish emails
- Have a permanent name tag
- Explore becoming a member

- Get involved with _____
- Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School
- Learn about joining the Adult Choir
- Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's Choristers (Junior Choir)