

# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (transferred) Holy Eucharist

September 11, 2016

10:00 A.M.

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

### PRELUDE

Preludio: 'Sine Nomine'

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

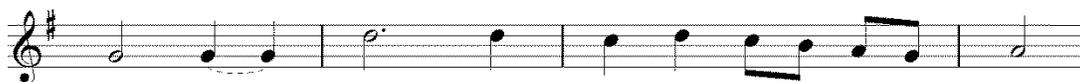
For all the saints, who from their labors rest  
Hymn 287 (*Sine Nomine*)



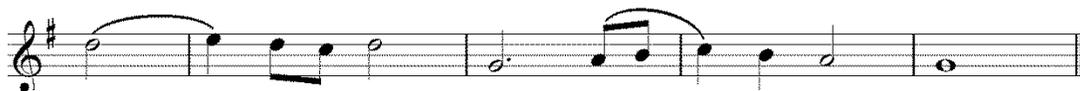
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OVER >

\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are— brave a-gain, and arms are  
 war-riors com-eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

strong.  
 blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the  
 \*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through

saints tri-umph-ant rise in bright ar-ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host—

King of— glo-ry pass-es on his way.  
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

WLP 900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —  
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,  
heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

*f*

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

(Ped.)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems. The first system begins with a vocal line in G major, 3/4 time, with lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —'. The piano accompaniment starts with a forte dynamic and features a steady eighth-note bass line. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics '— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,'. The piano accompaniment includes a 'senza Ped. ad lib.' instruction. The third system has lyrics 'heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship'. The piano accompaniment includes a '(Ped.)' instruction. The fourth system concludes with lyrics 'you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —'. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —  
Fa - ther, —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) 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  
Fa - ther: re - ceive

Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the

Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, —

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

*mf*

*ff*

**THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

*All are seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

HABAKKUK 2:1-4

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 126** *(sung by the choir)*

*In convertendo*

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:35-11:1

Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

For yet “in a very little while,  
the one who is coming will come and will not delay;  
but my righteous one will live by faith.  
My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.”

But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

Hymn 242 (Jacob)

1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone on doubt-ing souls whose  
 2 He loved thee well, and firm-ly said, “Come, let us go, and  
 3 His breth-ren’s word he would not take, but craved to touch those  
 4 He saw thee risen; at once he rose to full be-lief’s un-  
 5 O Sa-vior, make thy pres-ence known to all who doubt thy

1 wills were true! Thou Christ of Pe-ter and of John,  
 2 die with him”; yet when thine Eas-ter-news was spread,  
 3 hands of thine; when thou didst thine ap-pear-ance make,  
 4 cloud-ed height; and still through his con-fes-sion flows  
 5 Word and thee; and teach us in that Word a-lone

1 thou art the Christ of Thom-as too.  
 2 mid all its light his faith was dim.  
 3 he saw, and hailed his Lord Di-vine.  
 4 to Chris-tian souls thy life and light.  
 5 to find the truth that sets us free.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



**All:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. *cf 1 Peter 1:25*

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:24-29

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

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

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *Priest*

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. With multiplicity of gifts and unity of purpose, let us pray for the church and for the world, responding to, "Christ, hear us," with "Christ, graciously hear us."

### *Intercessor*

For all ministers of your church, that they may faithfully follow you. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all leaders in politics and business, that they may serve justice and peace. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all people of every land, that we may know compassion for one another, and draw together as one human family. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all children of every race and ethnicity, that they may grow to the full flowering of their gifts. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For your creation, that its beauty and bounty may endure from age to age. Christ, hear us.  
**Christ, graciously hear us.**

For this congregation, that this time of transition may help us discern your call to us.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those affected by war or violence, that they may know safety and security. Christ, hear us.  
**Christ, graciously hear us.**

For the poor, for prisoners, and for refugees, that they may not be forgotten. Christ, hear us.  
**Christ, graciously hear us.**

For the sick and the dying, and for their caregivers, that they may find comfort. Christ, hear us.  
**Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died, that they may find eternal rest in you. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those other concerns that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*

Holy God, we give you thanks for gathering us as a community, and for equipping us for ministry in the name of your Christ. Graciously hear the prayers that we offer through him, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Priest*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Priest 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.**

*Celebrant*

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**

**Celebrant:** 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 Offertory Anthem, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and 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 in your seat.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Quia vidisti me, Thoma Hans Leo Hassler (c.1564-1612)

*Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti:  
beati qui non viderunt,  
et crediderunt. Alleluia.*

Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou  
hast believed:  
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet  
have believed. Alleluia.

*Text: John 20:29*

**AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR**

Laudate Dominum (*Taizé*)

Musical notation for the first part of the anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes.

Musical notation for the second part of the anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. There is a first ending bracket labeled '1.' and a second ending bracket labeled '2.' with 'D.C.' (Da Capo) marking.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.+*

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 AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In

him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant*

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

Justorum animae

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,  
 et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.  
 Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,  
 illi autem sunt in pace.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
 and the torment of death shall not touch them.  
 In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;  
 but they are in peace.

*Text: Wisdom 3:1-2a, 3b*

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

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant 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.

## SENDING FORTH A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

*This prayer is said when a Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to an ill or homebound parishioner. The Eucharistic Visitor joins the Celebrant in front of the altar.*

*Celebrant and People*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Go in peace.

## THE BLESSING

### FINAL HYMN

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending  
Hymn 58 (*St. Thomas*)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal - 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him, bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Chorale Prelude on 'St. Thomas'

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

## Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit [www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org) and [www.musicatstthomas.org](http://www.musicatstthomas.org).

**Today we Celebrate St. Thomas!** Today is the first Sunday of the 2016-2017 program year. We are honoring our patron saint, Thomas, first at our 10 a.m. Eucharist and then at a 5 p.m. Evensong. Eucharist features the return of the Adult Choir and a pizza lunch after church (thanks to the Vestry for funding). There will be no Sunday School, but the Choristers will rehearse after church.

**Parish Outing Next Sunday, September 18.** Next Sunday is Sunday in the Park at Edgerton Park. Instead of Sunday School or Adult Formation, we're encouraging everyone to enjoy a quick coffee hour, and then to walk together to the park. You are also encouraged to spend time with one or more people you don't know well, and especially to consider getting to know a child or youth who is new to you. Intergenerational relationships are reported to be an important factor in church vitality, and this will be a great opportunity for building them.

**More Tech Improvements: Internet Access in the Church.** If you've ever tried to use your smartphone in church, you know that the sanctuary is a 4G dead zone. Good news: we now have wireless access in the church! Simply look for the network "STEC Guest". No password is required. Agree to the terms on the splash page, and the home page of the St. Thomas's website will open.

**Electronic Giving.** With wireless access in the church, online giving is easier than ever. Please consider giving electronically, either through our credit card donation page (available by clicking the DONATE button on the home page of our website), or (even better, because there are no fees) via regularly scheduled payments from your bank. During our stewardship campaign this year, we will encourage everyone to use this second option for pledge payment. And...

**New Pew Chits.** Note that there are new laminated "I give electronically" chits available for the offertory. If you give online or through automatic banking, please place a chit in the offertory basket. This will encourage others to give electronically and, even more importantly, allow you to help model stewardship for the children.

**"Sending Forth a Eucharistic Visitor."** This new element is found in our Sunday bulletins, after the post-communion prayer and before the blessing. When a Eucharistic visitor will bring communion to someone who cannot attend church, the congregation will join in saying this prayer. We have recently had a number of pastoral concerns; many thanks to our terrific pastoral care team of Don Edwards, Sally Edwards, and Diane Schultz.

**Seating for Families with Small Children.** Last Sunday after the service, we removed the modesty rail in front of the left side of pews. Thanks to those who did the very heavy lifting! This expands the seating area for families with small children and makes our church even more hospitable.

**Office Hours.** Parish and Property Administrator Julie Kelly is in the office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on call 24/7 for building access, security, and other needs. Dorothy Asch is in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, even though the office is not "officially" open on Friday mornings. Keri is generally in the office Monday through Thursday, but her hours are unpredictable. Her door is almost always open when she is in, but it's always best to schedule an appointment via email.

**Interested in Helping Organizing an Integrity or Similar LGBT+ Group?** Keri is leading a group trying to organize a regional group (including other local Episcopal churches, the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Yale, and Berkeley at Yale Divinity School) that will be based at St. Thomas's. Contact Keri to get involved.

**Sing at St. Thomas's!** It's always a good time to join the Adult Choir or enroll your child in Choristers (junior choir for ages 7 and up). Our choirs are talented and fun. For more information, contact Simon Jacobs.

**Celebration of the Spirit: Sunday of Convention.** The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) is doing something wonderful and different on the Sunday of Convention this year—a massive worship service in the Convention Center in Hartford, open to all, with the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, preaching. **You are invited!** Please register on the ECCT website before all the seats are filled. *If you have already registered for Convention then you do not need to register again for the Celebration of the Spirit.*

**Ecumenical Focus on Prayer for Creation.** Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Christians are being asked to join in the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1, and to use the following month, leading up to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, as a Season of Creation.

**Day School Evensong - Save the Date!** If you're looking for the date of this year's Day School Sunday, know that we're trying something different this year. Instead of Day School Sunday, and in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Day School, there will be a special service of Evensong on Wednesday, April 26. Bishop Laura Ahrens will preside, and music will be provided by the Adult Choir, the Choristers, and Bluestars (the Day School choir). It promises to be a festive occasion.



**Electronic Giving.** You can give online via the St. Thomas's website or by scanning the QR code at left. If you do so using a credit card, the Church pays a small fee. If you do so using a debit card, there is no fee. Also, if you use online banking, you can always set up automatic pledge payments. There is no fee to the Church if you use this option.

## Serving Today

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Assisting Priest (Word):** The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson  
**Assisting Priest (Table):** The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
**Assisting Priest (Communion):** The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
**Organist and Choirmaster:** Simon Jacobs  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Dorothy Asch  
**Crucifer:** Peter Piech  
**Acolytes:** Chris Martinez, Ricardo Chavira  
**Lectors:** Jennifer Herdt, Ed Leavy  
**Intercessor:** Robert Laughton  
**Sacristan:** Mary Ann Nelson  
**Ushers/Greeters:**  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Vestry

## Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**  
Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Carly, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Kathy, Katie, Kim, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

**In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Claire Scully, Peter, Brian, Kathryn, Carolyn Sharp, Leo Lensing, Dinah, Jacob

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; The Episcopal Church's Province 1 (New England): the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts, their bishops, clergy, parish staff, diocesan staff, and congregations, the Provincial Synod, and all Provincial Networks

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala; the Rt. Rev. Hannington Mutebi, Assistant Bishop of Kampala

## Collect for Education

**(Book of Common Prayer, p. 261)**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge  
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist  
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

### Officers and Vestry

Ricardo Chavira (Senior Warden)  
Mark Branch (Junior Warden)  
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)  
Sarah Insley-Say (Clerk)  
Dorothy Asch (Deanery Representative)  
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)  
Laura Bower-Phipps  
Michael Fournier  
Daniel Harrison  
Jennifer Herdt  
The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
Chris Martinez  
Erika Nemeti  
Jennifer Regan  
Christopher Ritacco

### Associate Priests

The Rev. Dexter Cheney  
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
The Rev. Bill Loutrel  
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp  
The Rev. Lee McGee Street  
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street  
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

### Ministry Coordinators

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant  
Jennifer Ricker—Children and Youth Ministries  
Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey—Adult Formation

## Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School  
Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

### Board of Managers

Gina Panza—Head of School  
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.  
Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)  
Jonathan Macey (Vice-Chair & PTO Rep)  
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)  
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)  
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)  
Frank Chang (Community Rep)  
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)  
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)  
Don Edwards (Parish Rep)  
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)  
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)  
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)  
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)  
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

**Families with children:** On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

**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); 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.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this 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.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion:** The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. 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*

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How did you hear about St. Thomas's? \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergy person  | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails     | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's<br>Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member |  |
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