



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

January 8, 2023 10 A.M.

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

To follow along with the service all you need is this bulletin.

**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.** 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.

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

# Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897), *Suite gothique*, Op. 25, 1895

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

# HYMN

As with gladness men of old (119, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

# 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

Glory to God in the highest (241, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to His peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, — al - might - y God — and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, — 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 the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the

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

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29** (*sung by the Choir*)

Stephen Darlington

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## HYMN

Christ, when for us you were baptized (121, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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.*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Presider*

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and identified as God's Child. So we also are anointed by the same Spirit; we are reborn children with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**



Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Presider*

Joining our hearts in hope and faith, let us pray to God, saying, "Light of Christ, shine on all creation."

*Intercessor and People*

Flame of abundant love, give us joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your universal church and for all ministers of your Word. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Ember of steadfast presence, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Star of wondrous glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray for the land on which we stand, the waters that surround us, and the creatures that inhabit them. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Lamp of eternal wisdom, guide us as we seek and follow you. We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, and especially for the leaders who are listening to hear the guidance of your Spirit. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Radiance of boundless compassion, direct our hands to your loving service. We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all those in any need or trouble. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Spark of true liberation, send us your redeeming and reconciling grace. We pray for the dying and the dead. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

We pray for the appreciations and concerns that we now share aloud or carry in our hearts. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

Holy God, you embrace the whole universe and sanctify all you have created: continually manifest in our hearts the constant awareness of your affection and the persuasive revelation of your desire, and thereby prepare us to offer our voices and bodies as courageous and confident bearers of the Good News of your light and love; through Christ our Savior. **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.***

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. We will not pass a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online, go to the Church website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If viewing this document electronically, simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

# The White Dove

Alleluia.

The White Dove hovered in the still, clear air,  
with such celestial beauty,  
while God's dear Son stood in the water cool.  
Alleluia.

The White Dove hovered in the still, clear air,  
with such ethereal beauty,  
and there did John baptize our Lord Jesu. Alleluia.  
The Dove descended through the still, clear air,  
with such transcendent beauty,  
and rested on our Savior, Lord Jesu. Alleluia.

Words and Music: Derek Healey (b. 1936), 2003

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Presider sets the table, and the People come forward to encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If this is difficult for you, please feel free to sit in a chair near the altar or in the the front row of pews. You may also remain where you are.*

# HYMN

# What star is this, with beams so bright (124, *The Hymnal 1982*)

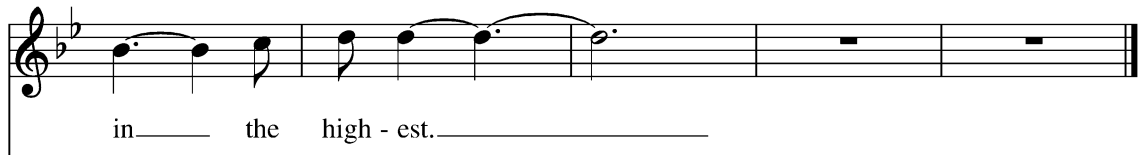
*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.  
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.





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*Presider*

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,

*Presider and People*

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

*Presider*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; 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.**

## 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

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Whoever comes to me (878, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)



Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

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

***All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. For the distribution of communion, the priest will come to you. Extend your hands, and the priest will place the bread in them. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest.***

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Panis angelicus

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum  
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
o res mirabilis manducat Dominum  
pauper servus et humilis.

The bread of angels becomes the bread of people,  
the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.  
O wondrous sacrament: feeding on their Lord  
are the poor, the slave, and the humble person.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) Music: César Franck (1822–1890), *Mass*, Op. 12 (1872)

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION 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.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

*Presider*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,  
 man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
 branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897), *Suite gothique*, Op. 25 (1895)



## Announcements

*For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), click **Enews Archive** for the latest edition or **Enews (subscribe)** to subscribe.*

**We have returned to our pre-pandemic practice of gathering around the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.** Please follow the instructions at the appropriate point in the bulletin.

**SAVE THE DATE: Concert in Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Thomas's Church: Sunday, January 29, 4 p.m.** Details to come.

**Inquirers Class: Are you interested in participating this year?** Keri is planning to lead an Inquirers Class this year. Here is what you need to know:

- The Inquirers class is required for those seeking confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church - but it's open to anyone. (In case you don't know: confirmation is for people who haven't already made an adult commitment of faith; reception is for people previously confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Lutheran church and who wish to be formally recognized as Episcopalians; reaffirmation is for people previously confirmed in the Episcopal church and who wish to renew their commitment.)
- It's a great way to learn more about the Episcopal tradition, and to explore how God might be calling you at this time.
- The class consists of six weekly one-hour sessions, mostly during Lent. We will select the meeting day and time based on participants' availability.
- Our conversations will be shaped by framed by scripture, the Baptismal Covenant (which we renew during the Easter Vigil).
- A bonus this year is that participants can be confirmed/received/reaffirmed during our official visitation from Bishop Jeff Mello at our regular service on Trinity Sunday, June 4.
- If you're interested or have questions, email Keri.

**Save the Date: Upcoming Ordination.** Meg Stapleton Smith, this Parish's sponsee for ordination, will be ordained priest on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Church, Bethel, CT. Your prayers and presence are requested.

**Advent Unbound: A Companion to Pádraig Ó Tuama's "Poetry Unbound": Final Session, 7:30 p.m., January 12.** See the Enews for details and for news on what's next.

**St. Thomas's Parish Annual Meeting Notice.** In accord with Canon I, Section II of the Canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2022**. Purpose: Electing the Vestry members and officers, and transacting such other business as may legally come before the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting will be called to order following the 10:00 a.m. service. - Denise A. Terry, Clerk

**Parish Prayer List.** Every week, the Enews includes a list of Prayer Intentions. The hope is that parishioners pray these intentions during their regular prayer practice. Included with the Prayer Intentions is our Parish prayer list, which includes parishioners as well as others we are asked to pray for. For the new year, we have cleared out that list and started over. If there is someone you would like to include, please email Keri+ or Julie. Because folks don't always remember to tell us when a person can come off the list, we will remove them after three months unless you request otherwise.

**Winter Weather is Coming!** In case of inclement winter weather, rather than cancel church altogether, we will switch to Zoom only. See the Enews for details.

**Camp Washington: Summer Camp 2023 Early Bird Registration Now Open.** Camp Washington hosts summer camps for children and youth of all ages and interests. Registration is open, with discounts offered through January. For more information, check out the Camp Washington website.

**Register today for a 2-Day VISIONS, Inc. Workshop.** VISIONS Inc. is offering workshops for those interested in expanding ideas & creating community around concepts of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. See the Enews.

**Save the Date: ECCT 10th Annual Spring Training & Gathering: April 29, 2023.** Details to come.



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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Lector:** Denise Terry

**Intercessor:** Claire Scully

**Sacristan:** Claire Scully

**Usher:** Claire Scully

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Chaviras

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Dan (Keri Aubert's brother-in-law)

**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. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers

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

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

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

Iran, Iraq, Syria

## 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

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Day School Board of Trustees

John Forrest (Chair)

Greg Mokotoff (Vice-Chair)

Christopher Cavallaro (Treasurer)

Eileen O'Donnell (Secretary)

Renu Boatwright

William English

Robert Herdt

Ken Paul

Robert Tait

Chris Vigilante

Susan Zhang

Linda Meyer (Church Junior Warden)

Keri Aubert (President, Day School Corp.)

Gina Panza (Head of School)

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