



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

February 18, 2024      10 A.M.

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## St. Thomas's Church Welcomes Everyone

Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey, **there is a place for you here**, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish. There is a saying in the Episcopal tradition that answers many a question: “All *may*, some *do*, but none *must*.” We gather to feast on Word and sacrament and song, to learn and inquire, to enjoy relaxed fellowship and find mutual support. And we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**To participate in worship today** all you need is this bulletin. If you are new or visiting, we invite you to consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a **nametag**, which will be waiting for you on the table inside the main entrance.

**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 **gender-neutral restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit.

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

Arioso  
Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

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

## THE GREAT LITANY

Stephen Casurella

*Cantor* *Congregation*



Ho - ly God, Cre - a - tor of hea - ven and earth, **have mer - cy on - us.**

*Cantor* *Congregation*



Ho - ly and Might - y, Re - deem - er of - the world, **have mer - cy on - us.**

*Cantor* *Congregation*



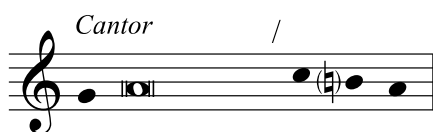
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Sanc - ti - fi - er of - the faith - ful, **have mer - cy on us.**

*Cantor* *Congregation*



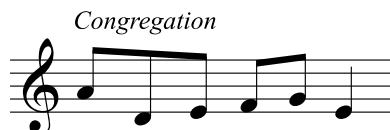
Ho - ly, bless - ed and glo - rious Trin - i - ty, - One God, **have mer - cy on us.**

*Cantor* /



From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

*Congregation*



**Sav - ior, de - liv - er us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, **Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**

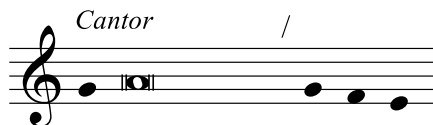
In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, **Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, **Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, **Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**



Hear our prayers, O Christ our God,

*Congregation*



**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O Christ.**

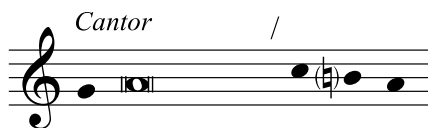
Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons; especially Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops, and Carolyn, our Preacher-in-Residence, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. **Hear us, O Christ.**



Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*Congregation*



**Hear us, O Christ.**

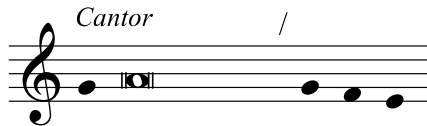
Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, our President, and Kamala, our Vice President, and that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people. **Hear us, O Christ.**



Comfort and liberate the lonely; the bereaved; and the oppressed.

*Congregation*



**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind, or spirit; and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. **Hear us, O Christ.**

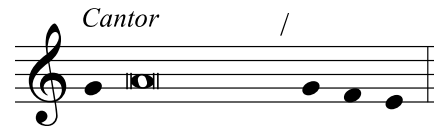
Guard and protect all children who are in danger. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died; and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. **Hear us, O Christ.**



Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

*Cantor/Choir*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might-y Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on - us.

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## KYRIE

Kyrie eleison (S 85, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Cantor or Choir* *All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Cantor or Choir* *All*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor or Choir* *All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 3, Mass 16; adapt. Schola Antiqua, 1983. Rhythmic reconstruction: Copyright © 1983 Schola Antiqua, Inc. Used by permission.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 (*sung by the Choir; the People respond with the Antiphon*)

Tone I.7

**the LORD, migh/ty in báttlë!”**

**9 Lift up your heads, O gates;**

**lift them high. O éverlásting doors: \***

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## HYMN

Forty days and forty nights (150, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:9-15

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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 NICENE CREED

*Presider 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ 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 *(Sung by the Choir)*

Call to Remembrance

Call to remembrance, O Lord,  
thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness  
which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:  
but according to thy mercy  
think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 25:5-6 Music: Richard Farrant (c.1530-1580)

*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.*



## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord (S 122, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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

Music: Plainsong; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1983 Mason Martens.

### *Presider*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughter and sons, that with Thomas and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

Lamb of God, S 160, *The Hymnal 1982*

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.

Music: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1984 Mason Martens.

*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. After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** (*Sung by the Schola*)

Ego sum panis vivus

Ego sum panis vivus,  
qui de caelo descendi.  
Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane,  
vivet in aeternum:  
et panis quam ego dabo,  
caro mea est pro mundi vita.  
Et qui manducat me vivet propter me.

I am the living bread,  
who came down from heaven.  
If any one eats of this bread,  
they shall live forever:  
and the bread that I will give,  
is my flesh for the life of the world.  
And they who eat it will live because of me.

Words: John 6:51-52, 58    Music: Gemignano Capilupi (1573-1616)

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Presider:    Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Presider*

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

We'll Understand It Better By and By (207, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time,  
 2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands,  
 3. Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand,  
 4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares,

1. Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pest oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine;  
 2. Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands;  
 3. All the ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land;  
 4. And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thought - less word or deed;

1. In that land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way,  
 2. We are trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word,  
 3. But He guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die.  
 4. And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best.

1. We will  
 2. We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by, by and by.  
 3. For we'll  
 4. But we'll

By and by — when the morn - ing comes, When the saints of  
 God are gath - ered home, We'll tell the sto - ry  
 how we're o-ver-come; For we'll un-der-stand it bet-ter by and by, by and by.

Words: Charles A. Tindley (1851-1933). Music: Charles A. Tindley; arr. F. A. Clark, c. 1906.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Festal March  
 Florence Price (1887-1953)

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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp

**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer

**Organist:** Noah Klein

**Eucharistic Minister:** Madeleine Anderson

**Lector:** Jennifer Herdt

**Intercessor:** Claire Scully

**Sacristan:** Claire Scully

**Ushers:** Gary Robison, Claire Scully

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Jennifer Herdt

**Vestry Host:** Claire Scully

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Preacher-in-Residence

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

### Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)

Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)

Bill English (Treasurer)

Denise Terry (Clerk)

Madeleine Anderson

Max Ballardo

Morgen Campbell

Ricardo Chavira

Alexandria Robison

Claire Scully

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**

the people of Russia and the people of Ukraine; the people of Gaza and the people of Israel; all who are afflicted by war and natural disaster

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of**

**Prayer, pray for:** St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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

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## 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.*



**It's Lent!** There are many ways creative and life-giving ways to observe Lent. Resources are available on the Lent website pages of [The Episcopal Church](#) or [SALT Project](#).

### Lenten Study Group, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm

**On Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964>

This study will consider the “unique perspective of gender and gender roles in the Bible and in ancient Israel. From the pastoral setting of Ruth to the trauma of Lamentations, from the love poetry of Song of Songs to the court intrigue of Esther, where do these writings come from, and how might we read them today?” Find the materials here: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/new-testament-epistles/>.

February 15 – Ruth, Part 1  
February 22 – Ruth, Part 2  
February 29 – Song of Songs, Part 1  
March 7 – Song of Songs, Part 2  
March 14 – Lamentations, Part 1  
March 21 – Lamentations, Part 2

**Upcoming Worship Schedule.** During our leadership transition, we will have a combination of lay-led worship and services led by supply clergy. Please join us!

February 18	Eucharist with Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp preaching and presiding
February 25	Morning Prayer led by Jane Nichols (w/ sermon)
March 3	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
March 10	Morning Prayer led by Ricardo Chavira (w/sermon)
March 17	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson (w/sermon)

**TODAY**, Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will preach and preside at St. Thomas's, meeting with the congregation during coffee hour to discuss our leadership transition and the search process. Canon Hodapp meets with each congregation and vestry prior to the launch of a search for a priest-in-charge. We hope that you can join us for this special opportunity to learn about the process and ask questions!

On **February 25**, Jane Nichols will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Jane Nichols is a PhD student in theology at Yale University, focusing on the theological formation of the Episcopal Church in the immediate aftermath of the American Revolution. Jane holds degrees in history and theology from Vassar College and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and has previously written about gender and transgender identity within biblical interpretation.

**Interested in joining St. Thomas's Choir?**

The St. Thomas's Choir sings for Sunday morning and special liturgies during the program year, offering anthems, canticles and psalms. The choir includes volunteers and professional section leaders. Its repertoire is drawn from the rich tradition of Anglican choral music, spanning many centuries.

The St. Thomas's Choir rehearses on Sundays at 9 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., from September to June. New members are always welcome; an ability to read music and prior choral experience is desirable.

Contact Linda Meyer at [lindarossmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lindarossmeyer@gmail.com)

**Donating Clothing for Loaves and Fishes.** Our support for the clothing ministry is ongoing. Please be thoughtful in your selection of items. Current specific requests include: men's/women's jeans; men's short-sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, new socks; winter clothing only until March 15. Bring donations to St. Thomas's (leave them in the tub at the Whitney Ave. entrance) or to Loaves and Fishes (Thurs-Sat, 9-11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive St.).

**Coffee Hour Hosting Sign-Up Link.** You are invited to consider hosting coffee hour at St. Thomas's following Sunday worship. Would you like to contribute to St. Thomas's coffee hour, but don't know how to operate the coffee maker? Do you have a treat from your kitchen or favorite neighborhood bakery that you would love to share, but you are not sure that you can manage a whole coffee hour? Sign up to be a coffee hour helper! It's easy: look at the signup sheet (electronic or paper) and sign up as a "Helper." Contact the coffee hour host to discuss what you can bring and how you can help out. Then, discover how fun it is to help make fellowship happen! Visit this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee> and add your contact info in the comment box. You may also access the Parish Directory on our homepage, [www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org) for contact information. [Julie Kelly](#) in the Parish Office can provide the directory password. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!