



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 27, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

November 9, 2025 10 A.M.

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## Welcome!

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**

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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

**HYMN**

Come down, O Love divine (516, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: 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

Glory to God (S 280, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

HAGGAI 1:15B-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:1-5, 18-22** (*Sung by the Choir*)

Joseph Barnby

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

Let saints on earth in concert sing (526, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;  
 2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,  
 3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;  
 4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,  
 5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.  
 2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.  
 3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
 4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
 5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 20:27-38

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

*Presider*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

*Intercessor and People*

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world, **the heavens tell of your glory;**

for our land, its beauty and its resources, **for the rich heritage we enjoy.**

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

**that we may use your gifts responsibly;**

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

**that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;**

for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

**that through their work we may see creation afresh.**

[*Silence is kept.*]

We thank you for giving us life; **for all who enrich our experience.**

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life,

**for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;**

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,

**for all who seek to bring life to others.**

[*Silence is kept.*]

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

**Give us reverence for life in your world.**

We thank you for your redeeming love;

**may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.**

[*Silence is kept.*]

God, Creator, bring us new life. **Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

*Presider*

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,**

**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 greet your neighbors with a sign of peace, in whatever way seems welcome. You may then be seated for brief announcement 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)*

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;

the Lord lift up the light  
of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24-26 Music: John Rutter (b. 1945), 1981

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers bring the gifts forward and the Presider sets the table. The People follow the Ushers and 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, 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.*

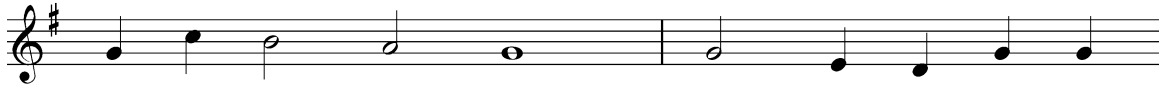
*All stand.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

New songs of celebration render (413, *The Hymnal 1982*)



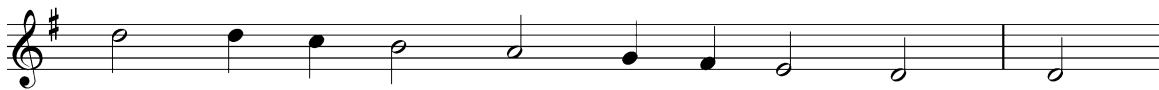
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who  
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery  
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



has great won - ders done; awed by his love his  
 in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of  
 Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look



foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.  
 grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.  
 up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.



He has made known his great sal - va - tion which  
 Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such  
 Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -



all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to  
 sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in  
 es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose



ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.  
 earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.  
 truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (*ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*)

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and time again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy (S 129, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

*Presider*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover (S 155, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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 Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic minister will come to you. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest. You may choose not to partake of wine—Holy Communion is complete and efficacious when received in one kind only. To receive wine, you may sip from the common cup, or intinct (dip the bread into the wine). If you choose to intinct, please dip only the tip of the bread into the wine—fingers that touch the wine are a source of contamination. After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** (*Sung by the Schola Antiqua*) O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht

O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht,  
mein Hort, mein Trost, mein Zuversicht,  
auf Erden bin ich nu rein Gast,  
und drückt mich sehr der Sünden Last.

O Jesus Christ, light of my life,  
my treasure, my comfort, my security;  
I am only a guest on the earth,  
and the burden of sin oppresses me greatly.

Words: Martin Behm (1557–1622), 1610 Music: J.S. Bach (1685–1750), BWV 118, c1736-37

*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 BLESSING**

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

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN

Ye holy angels bright (625, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Descant*



4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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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.*

### St. Thomas's Welcomes Canon Louise Woodford, TODAY, Sunday, November 9

Sarah Louise Woodford is ECCT's Canon for Communication & Media. She has twelve years of experience in lay ministry and communication strategies for religious non-profits. She lives in New Haven with a black Manx cat named Lady and is working on her first novella. We are delighted to welcome Sarah as our preacher on Sunday, November 9.

### TODAY! CONCERT at St. Thomas's

Gary Capozziello, violinist, and Alan Murchie, pianist, will team up in music of Brahms, Saint-Saëns and Poulenc here at St. Thomas's on Sunday afternoon, November 9 at 3:00.

### Responding to Food Insecurity in our Community

Connecticut Food Pantries have seen a sharp rise in need this year, serving 23% more households. Loss of federal funding has been compounded by the effects of the government shutdown. SNAP benefits have stopped, affecting 360,000 people in the state of Connecticut alone. The need is great. Please join us in supporting Loaves and Fishes. You can give at this [link](#), or contribute on Sunday morning to our cash offering. Thank you!

### Stewardship 2026: A Message from Treasurer Bill English

Our Treasurer, Bill English, offered an eloquent special message to the parish sharing news of our historic and exciting new partnership with St. Thomas's Day School; to read it in full, [click here](#). In his note, Bill offers a sense of just what our new relationship means financially for our parish. He reminds us that we've entered a unique moment of discernment as we consider the ways in which this new agreement might equip us for a range of ministry opportunities in our community and beyond. Bill concludes his note by saying:

"So, I ask you to think and pray about what St. Thomas's means for you and for others, and what your financial contribution to St. Thomas's should be as we plan for our future together. As you do so, please know that a commitment at any level is deeply appreciated. If you are able to pledge in support of our parish, you can [click here](#) to give online. (If you have any difficulties making a donation, please call the Church Office at (203) 777-7623 or speak to me at Coffee Hour.) Pledges made in the fall are particularly helpful as the Vestry develops the budget for the coming year. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any questions. -- Bill English, Treasurer

### Children and Youth participate in education, service, and liturgy.

- Families are welcome at **9:45 a.m.** every Sunday to with a Sunday School teacher **under the origami cranes** to preview the service.
- Younger children will receive a **tote bag** with appropriate books and activities to use during the service.
- The whole family is invited to **coffee hour**.
- Throughout the year there are opportunities for children and youth to be a part of the service as ushers and acolytes.
- We have an annual Christmas pageant and other seasonal events, including Blessing of the Animals and a Palm Sunday "Way of the Cross" walk in Edgerton Park.
- Families volunteer at Chapel on the Green, providing food and liturgy for the unhoused people in our city.
- Questions? Denise Terry (240-481-8537 or [terry.df@gmail.com](mailto:terry.df@gmail.com))



## Serving Today

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Debbie Rice and St. Thomas's Choir  
**Flowers:** Heather Robison  
**Intercessor:** Alexandria Robison  
**Lector:** Morgen Campbell  
**Music Director:** Dr. Matthew Cramer  
**Organist:** Dr. Stephen Gamboa-Diaz  
**Preacher:** Sarah Woodford  
**Presider:** The Rev. Alan Murchie  
**Sacristan:** Debbie Griffin  
**Subdeacons:** Max Ballardo, Bryan Hiott  
**Ushers:** Chris & Charlotte Rose Acosta, Debbie Griffin  
**Vestry Host:** Max Ballardo

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Vestry

Max Ballardo  
Morgen Campbell  
Ricardo Chavira (Junior Warden)  
Bill English (Treasurer)  
Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)  
Alexandria Robison  
Claire Scully  
Denise Terry (Clerk)

### St. Thomas's Clergy

The Rev. Eric Jeuland, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Jane Jeuland, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Alan C. Murchie, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp, Preacher-in-Residence

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## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
for Maria, Michael, Susan  
for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia  
for the people of Gaza and the people of Israel  
for victims of civil war in Syria and the Sudan  
for all who are afflicted by war, violence, and natural disaster

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; All deacons & the Deacons' Council. For the Province I School for Deacons

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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

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## Announcements (continued)

*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.*



### **Inquirers' Class**

Our new Inquirers' Class invites all interested in learning more about what it means to be Episcopalian to gather at St. Thomas's on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:15-6:15. Our next class session will be held in the Lounge on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Join us!

### **Youth Confirmation Class at St. T's**

We are delighted to offer Confirmation preparation for youth ages 13+ on select Sunday afternoons after Coffee Hour. This is a rich opportunity to explore faith through conversation, activity, off-campus experiences, and more. Classes are led by Alan alongside experienced mentors from our community. Be in touch with Alan anytime to discuss further! You can chat with him at coffee hour or write to him at [alan@stthomasnewhaven.org](mailto:alan@stthomasnewhaven.org).

### **Advent Coffee Hour Forum**

Alan will be offering an Advent Coffee Hour Forum on Sundays November 30, December 7 and December 21, 11:30-12 noon in the lounge. The title is "Uncovering Matthew."

### **Support our Vestments Fundraiser**

In celebration of this new season in the life of St. Thomas's, we are raising funds **to purchase new vestments for the parish**. The few chasubles we have are threadbare or ill-fitting. Our goal is \$5,000. And we are nearing our goal, with \$4,650 already raised. **Please join in and help us reach our goal!** A special link has been set up to receive donations in support of this initiative: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4D3/campaign/C-15M33>

### **Coffee-Hour: Help our Hosts!**

You are warmly invited to contribute to St. Thomas's signature Coffee Hour. Consult the poster in the lounge or the online signup link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee>. As we grow, we would like to have two or three hosts per week.

### **Share Your Recipe Treasures!**

Thank you to everyone who has shared recipes! Three editors – Denise Terry, Alexandria Robison, and Morgen Campbell -- are ready! You can **continue to submit recipes** to [Denise Terry](#).

We would love members of the parish to share church/food memories -- a sentence or two about traditions you grew up with, stories about pancake breakfasts and spaghetti suppers, potlucks, picnics, and COFFEE HOURS! Look for a cookbook soon!!

### **Parish Directory Updates**

Please [email Julie](#) with any changes to your address or contact info, or if you wish to be added to the directory. Thank you.

### **Time for Name Tags!**

Wearing name tags is a simple and wonderful way to practice radical welcome. If you have never had a St. Thomas's name tag, or have lost the one you had, please sign up in the narthex or at coffee hour and look for your new name tag in a week's time. You can also email Julie in the parish office, [j.kelly@stthomasnewhaven.org](mailto:j.kelly@stthomasnewhaven.org) to request a name tag. Name tags may be left in the basket in the lounge following coffee hour, or at the rear of the church in the name tag holders. Please wear your name tag every week!

### **Sunday Server Sign-ups**

There are many ways to contribute to the worship life of St. Thomas's. We are eager to welcome new servers in the roles of lector, usher, intercessor, subdeacon, and sacristan. If you are interested in learning more or in receiving training, please reach out to Vestry member Claire Scully, [chiarasam@comcast.net](mailto:chiarasam@comcast.net). We would love for you to share your gifts with St. Thomas!

### **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 Matthew Cramer at [m.cramer@stthomasnewhaven.org](mailto:m.cramer@stthomasnewhaven.org)

### **Safe Church Training**

In an important effort to build and protect community for everyone, the Episcopal Church requires that all church leaders (including vestry), staff, and anyone interacting with youth or pastoral ministries take Safe Church Training every three years. The training is free and can be done in person or online. Register here: <https://www.episcopalct.org/events/category/safe-church-training/>

**Bishop Jeff Mello says:** "Safe Church Training, and our commitment to creating a church that is safe for all of God's beloved children, is at the center of our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those most at risk for abuse are the very ones Jesus drew close; children, the frail, and those at the margins. To be made more and more into the likeness of Christ is to take seriously the safety and welfare of those whom 'Safe Church' is meant to protect."

### **Flower Ministry: Contributions Welcome!**

Heather Robison, choir member and artist, coordinates our Flower Ministry here at St. Thomas's. While the parish has a budget for flowers, we encourage parishioners to bring offerings from your gardens. As temperatures warm and blooms once again appear, please consider joining Heather in providing flowers to adorn our altar.

**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. 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.)