



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

February 9, 2025

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**

Adoration  
 Florence Price (1887-1953)

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

**HYMN**

Holy, holy, holy! (362, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

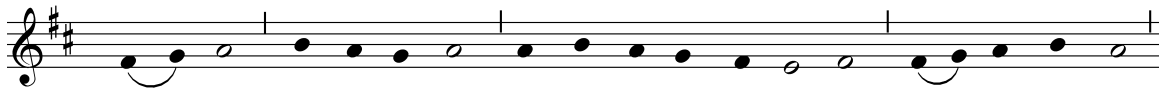
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God (S 277, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



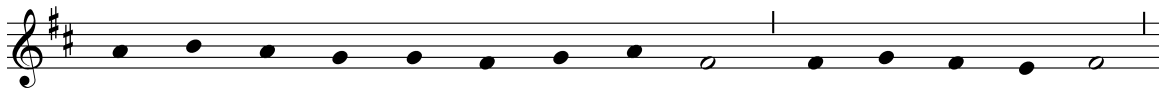
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



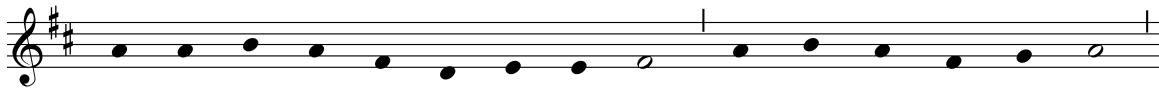
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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 OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 6:1-8, 9-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’  
Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;  
until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138** (*sung by the Choir*)

Henry Walford Davies

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas,

then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Here I am, Lord (77, *My Heart Sings Out*)



*Verses*



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 5:1-11

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

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider*

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

*Intercessor and People*

As the prophet Isaiah sang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come,” empower your Church, O God, to proclaim the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ Child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community: for this parish, for our hometowns, and for our nation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed to the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lonely. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. We pray also for all who seek faith or struggle with faith. Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. [*You are invited to offer your prayer intentions silently or aloud.*]

*Presider*

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **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 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*)

I believe this is Jesus

I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace;  
Come and see, oh come and see.

Yes, Lord!  
Oh, I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, come and see.

Words: Traditional Spiritual Music: Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

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.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Thuma mina (808, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)

Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma  
Je - sus, send me Je - sus, send me

1. - 3. Send me Lord, 4.  
mi - na, So - man - dla.  
Je - sus, send me Lord. Send me Lord.

Additional verses

- 3. *Call:* Lead me, Lord, *Response:* Lead me, Jesus.
- 4. *Call:* Fill me, Lord, *Response:* Fill me, Jesus.

Words: South African. Music: *Thuma mina*, South African. Copyright © 1984 Utyck, admin. Walton Music Company.



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 Mary, Thomas, 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,**

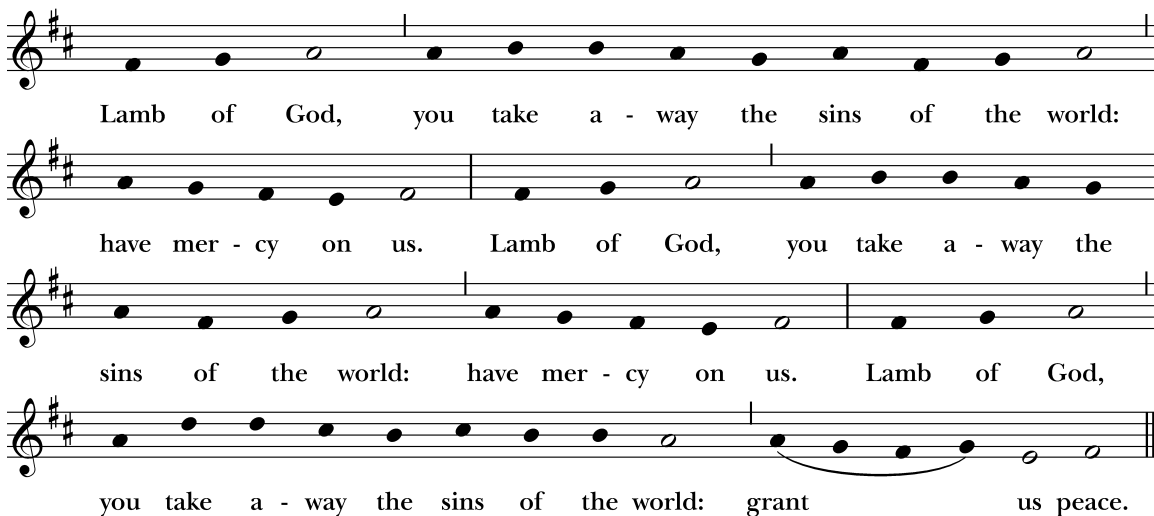
**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God (S 161, *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.

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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*)

Love bade me welcome

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
 guiltie of dust and sinne.  
 But quick-ey'd Love observing me grew slack  
 from my first entrance in,  
 drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
 if I lacked anything.

Truth, Lord but I have marr'd them:  
 let my shame go where it doth deserve.  
 And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
 My deare, then I will serve.  
 You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
 so I did sit and eat.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
 Love said, You shall be he.  
 I, the unkinde, ungratefull?  
 Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee.  
 Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
 Who made the eyes but I?

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: David Hurd (b.1950), 1991

*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.**

## 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.**

## HYMN

Round the Lord in glory seated (367, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
2 Heaven is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,  
3 "Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each the al - ter - nate hymn;  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High."  
un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lyrics are written below the notes, with three verses of text provided for the first system and two lines of text for the second system.

“Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;  
 With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly Church be - low,  
 Thus thy glo - rious Name con - fess - ing, with thine an - gel hosts we cry

un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.”  
 thus u - nite we to a - dore him, bid we thus our an - them flow:  
 “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” bless - ing thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848). Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

### Toccata on ‘Great Day’

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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## Serving Today

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gary Robison  
**Intercessor:** Don Edwards  
**Lector:** Bill English  
**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer  
**Organist:** Stephen Gamboa-Diaz  
**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp  
**Sacristan:** Madeleine Anderson  
**Subdeacon:** Donnie Fragale  
**Ushers:** Gary Robison, Bob Tait  
**Vestry Host:** Madeleine Anderson

## 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, Priest-in-Charge  
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:** 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, especially the Southern California wildfires

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** The Anglican Church of Australia

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:** Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

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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.*

### Childcare Available on Sunday Mornings!

St. Thomas is now offering childcare during Sunday morning services. We love to have children of all ages with us in the sanctuary, but understand that sometimes kids (or their parents) need a little break! Feel free to drop your child in the Vesting Room directly adjacent to the sanctuary before the service begins, or slip out during the service at any time. Contact Denise Terry or Jennifer Herdt with any questions.

### Sunday School

There will be Sunday School classes at **9 a.m.** on February 23, March 9, April 13, and May 4 on the second floor.

- Sunday, **February 23** -- Learn about Black History in the Episcopal Church and celebrate with song.
- Sunday, **March 9** -- What is Lent? We will read about Jesus and his life before the crucifixion.
- Sunday, **April 13** -- A walk in Edgerton Park, looking for connections between nature and Holy Week
- Sunday, **May 4** -- The children of the parish will have a fund-raiser, details to follow.

Contact Denise Terry ([terry.df@gmail.com](mailto:terry.df@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

### FORMATION HOUR | Sundays at 9:10

Our new Formation Hour on Sundays will focus on **The Gospel of Luke** on Sundays through March 2. Each session will be self-standing so that you may attend as you are able. We gather in the Lounge at 9:10. **Note: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp will lead class after worship (rather than before) on Sunday, Feb. 9. Please join Carolyn at 11:30 in the rector's office just down the hall from the Lounge.**

### MARDI GRAS Potluck and Hymn Sing | Sunday, March 2 at 5 PM

On Sunday, March 2 at 5 we will gather for a festive Mardi Gras potluck and then head downstairs to the sanctuary to sing the season's final Alleluias! Alan will make a traditional gumbo; please bring additional main dishes, sides or desserts to fill out the table. 🍴🌟

### ASH WEDNESDAY ✘ Wednesday, March 5 ✘ Liturgies at 12 Noon and 7 PM

Join us at 12 Noon or at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 5 for Imposition of Ashes as the season of Lent begins with the solemn, reflective Ash Wednesday liturgy. Both services will conclude with a celebration of Holy Eucharist; the choir joins us at 7 PM.

Looking ahead to Spring...

### “Mille Regretz” A Concert of Franco-Flemish Music | Sunday, April 6, 5pm

The singers of St. Thomas's Schola Antiqua join forces with early music ensemble Elm City Consort (Michael Rigsby, director) for a concert of music by Josquin des Prez and his Franco-Flemish Renaissance contemporaries.

### 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>. Thank you to the anchor hosts who have signed up for each week between now and Easter—please consider joining them as a co-host! As we grow, we would like to have two or three hosts per week.

### 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**

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut requires parish leaders to do "Safe Church" training, and to update that training every three years. The diocese is offering training times in the coming months. There is no fee for this training.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/events/category/safe-church-training/>

### **Please Support Wildfire Response Efforts**

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Southern California wildfires. The Wildfire Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please contribute to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Wildfire Response Fund](#) to support these efforts.

**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.).

### **Winter Weather is Coming!**

In case of unsafe travel conditions, the Vestry will cancel church services. We will announce a cancellation by 8:30 a.m. via Facebook, the website, and a special edition of the E-news. Be sure to look for this before you leave home on a Sunday morning after a Saturday night storm.