



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

March 2, 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

# Prelude on 'Deo Gracias'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

# HYMN

When morning gilds the skies (427, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

# 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 99 (*sung by the Choir*)

Thomas Attwood

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; \*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; \*

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; \*

he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
 you were a God who forgave them,  
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
 and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Christ upon the mountain peak (130, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Christ up - on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in glo - ry  
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing in its  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets fade be -



blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
 thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
 fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 9:28-36

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**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 greet your neighbors with a sign of peace, in whatever way seems welcome. 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*)

### Pilgrims' Hymn

Even before we call on Your name  
To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You,  
You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
Surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,  
We trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,  
Beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever,  
And unto ages and ages, Amen.



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

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

1. - 3. Send me Lord, 4.

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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*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*

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (S 124, *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.

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### *Presider*

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### *Presider and People*

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

### *Presider*

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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*)

Benedictus es Domine

Benedictus es Domine,  
doce me iustificationes tuas:  
in labiis meis pronuntiavi  
omnia iudicia oris tui.

Blessed are you, O Lord;  
instruct me in your statutes.  
With my lips will I recite  
all the judgements of your mouth.

Words: Psalm 119:12-13 Music: Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594), 1585

*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.**

*Descant*

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turlle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Toccato

Florence Price (1887-1953)

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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 March 9, April 13, and May 4 on the second floor.

- 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 focuses 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. Join us this Sunday as we conclude our series with a celebration of Luke's unique qualities, including his focus on prayer, and on his distinctive warmth and generosity of vision. Join us!

### 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.

### MIDWEEK REFRESHMENT resumes on Wednesdays in Lent: March 12, 19 & 26; April 2 & 9

We are excited to partner with our dear friend The Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman for a five-week Lenten adult-formation series called "Being With." A shared program with Mo's parish, St. Peter's in Cheshire, we will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00. The first gathering (Wednesday, March 12) will be in person here at St. Thomas's; the remaining sessions (March 19 & 26; April 2 and 9) will be held via Zoom. Here's a description of the program from the "Being With" authors: "Rather than being a Bible study or a series of arguments to try to convince us that God exists, Being With starts with the conviction that we already have a wealth of understanding of truth, beauty and goodness that invites and equips us, in the company of others, to recognize God's presence in our life and our everyday experiences. At its heart is the idea that God's greatest desire is to be with us in Jesus. That's the reason the world was created and that's why we were created. Over a period of five weeks, we will discover dimensions of this presence and what it means to live abundantly with God, with one another and with creation." Please plan to join Alan and Mo for "Being With" this Lent.

## **“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.

### **HOLY WEEK CALENDAR 2025 ✕ April 13-20**

- ✕ **Palm Sunday at 10 AM** | Liturgy of the Palms, Procession with Bagpipes, and Sung Passion
- ✕ **Holy Wednesday at 6:30 PM** | Leçons de Ténèbres by François Couperin; Sherry Panthaki, soprano
- ✕ **Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM (at St. Peter's, Cheshire)** | *Agape Supper, Holy Eucharist, and Foot Washing*
- ✕ **Good Friday at Noon and 6:30 PM** | Good Friday Liturgies (with choir at 6:30)
- ✕ **Easter Vigil (Saturday) at 6:30 PM** | Lighting of Paschal Fire, First Alleluias of Easter (with choir)
- ✕ **Easter Day at 10 AM** | Festal Eucharist; Easter Brunch follows at 11:15!

### **Dwelling In The Word: Sermons at St. T's**

Did you miss Carolyn's meditation for February 9? Or the good word special guest Molly James offered us in November? Were you traveling for the Christmas holiday? Our sermon archive is updated regularly and can be found on our website: <https://www.stthomasnewhaven.org/sermon-archive.html>. The archive includes sermons from our team of preachers and from our guests in a variety of formats, including text, audio and, in a project beginning to take shape (thanks to Madeleine) in podcast form, with the thought that we might begin to share our sermons more widely. Please take a moment to listen as you are able and let us know what you think! A first podcast episode can be found here: <https://stthomasnewhaven.podbean.com/>

### **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/>

**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 Here!**

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.



## **Serving Today**

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Bill English, Linda Pivarnik  
**Crucifer:** Kaylee Pivarnik  
**Flowers:** Heather Robison  
**Intercessor:** Madeleine Anderson  
**Lector:** Bryan Dougan  
**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer  
**Organist:** Stephen Gamboa-Diaz  
**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Alan Murchie  
**Sacristan:** Madeleine Anderson  
**Subdeacon:** Donnie Fragale  
**Ushers:** Gary Robison, Chris and Charlotte Rose Acosta  
**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, 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:** Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; Prison ministry & prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network

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

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

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