ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23, YEAR A DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

Service of Morning Prayer
October 15, 2023 10 A.M.

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.

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.

INTROIT God be in my head

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and in my departing.

Words: Old English prayer (attributed to Old Sarum Primer) Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Lift every voice and sing (1, Lift Every Voice and Sing II)





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THE INVITATORY

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All are seated.

PSALM 106:1-6,19-23 (sung by the Choir)

Alec Wyton & Andrew Seivewright

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * for his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD * or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice * and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, * and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, * that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; * we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

MICAH 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

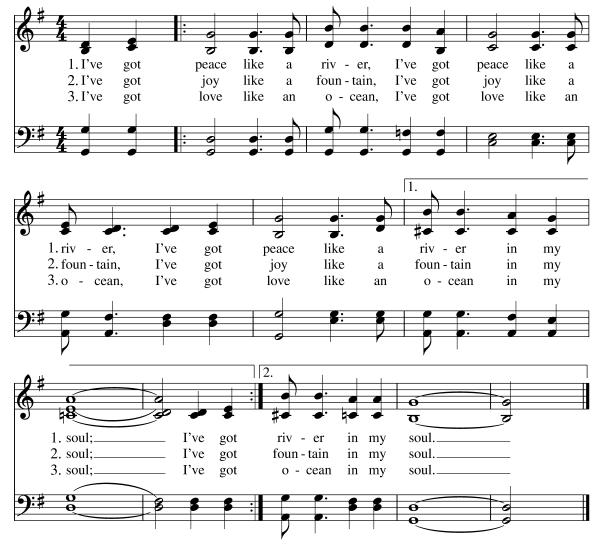
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

THE THIRD LESSON

MATTHEW 25:31-40

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Please join us in singing verse one all together (we will sing verse one only.) In Day School Hymn Sing tradition, we will then break into two parts: the lectern side will sing **verse one** from the beginning at the same time as the pulpit side will begin singing the refrain (Alleluia...). Day School music teacher Nora Lee will lead the singing from the front.



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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.

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People:** And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Officiant

(A Collect for Episcopal Schools Celebration) God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, especially those which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts, that we might love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those around us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **Amen.**

(A Collect for Peace) O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(A Prayer for Mission) Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

All are seated.

ANTHEM Rise and Shine

Folk song led by Nora Lee and the children of the Day School. Day School drama teacher and librarian Jennifer Sciglibaglio will accompany on piano.

The Lord said to Noah, There's gonna be a flood-y, flood-y ...

Get those children out of the muddy, muddy. Children of the Lord

Refrain

So Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory! Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory! Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory, Children of the Lord

So Noah he built him, he built him an ark-y, ark-y

Made it out of hick'ry bark-y, bark-y. Children of the Lord

Refrain

The animals they came on, they came on by two-sies, two-sies ...

Elephants and Kangaroosies, roosies.

Children of the Lord

Refrain

It rained and poured for forty day-sies, day-sies .. Nearly drove those animals crazies, crazies.

Children of the Lord

Refrain

The sun came out and dried up the land-y, land-y

. .

Everything was fine and dandy, dandy.

Children of the Lord

Refrain

The animals they came off, they came off by threesies, three-sies ...

Grizzly bears and chimpanzeesies, zeesies.

Children of the Lord

Refrain

Now this is the end of, the end of our story, story

...

Everything was hunky-dory, dory.

Children of the Lord

Refrain

Words and Music: Traditional folk song

All stand.

THE PEACE

Officiant: 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. To give online, go to the Church website Home page (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, simply <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

All stand.



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DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

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It's Day School Sunday! Today our combined St. Thomas's Church and Day School community participates in the annual Episcopal Schools Celebration, which celebrates the ministry of the nearly 1,200 Episcopal schools and early childhood education programs throughout the Episcopal Church. Together we give thanks for all Episcopal schools and proclaim the good news that is our wonderful school! After the service, you are invited to gather on the main playground for food and fellowship. Welcome to all, especially our Day School families, faculty, and staff!



Announcements

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

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

October 15	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson (w/ sermon)
October 22	Eucharist with Rev. Jill Morrison preaching and presiding
October 29	Morning Prayer led by Don Edwards, with Madeleine Anderson preaching
November 5	Eucharist with Rev. Kerith Harding preaching and presiding
November 12	Morning Prayer led by Alexandria Robison (w/ sermon)
November 19	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
November 26	Morning Prayer led by Sheldon Campbell (w/ sermon)
December 3	Eucharist with Rev. Gina Gore preaching and presiding

On **October 15**, Madeleine Anderson will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Madeleine (she/her) began attending St. Thomas's in 2020 with her wife Christy, after having been raised in the Baptist tradition and making her way to the Episcopal church in 2014. She was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2022. She has served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, sacristan, and vestry member at St. Thomas's, as well as on the leadership team of the Young Adult Episcopalians ministry network (YAE) in the greater New Haven/South Central region.

On **October 22**, the Rev. Jill Morrison will preach and preside at St. Thomas's. Jill has served as School Chaplain to St. Thomas's Day School since 2020. Rev. Jill first experienced God in both the theatre and the Episcopal Church. With an aim to articulate God's movement in stories on stage as well as in our lives, Rev. Jill earned a B.F.A. in Theatre with a Minor in Religion from Texas Christian University and an M.A. in Art and Religion at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. She later moved to Connecticut to pursue an M.Div. at Yale Divinity School and a Dip. Anglican Theology at Berkeley Divinity School. She recently completed a one year Missional Curacy at Christ Church Quaker Farms in Oxford, CT and serves as a supply priest across the ECCT. Rev. Jill's ministry focuses on celebrating our own stories within the context of God's abundant love for all of creation. She adores her work at the Day School and working with congregations. Rev. Jill lives in Hamden with her husband, Chris, their two daughters, Hannah and Lydia, and two pet birds, "Robert" and "Tweets". She also enjoys hikes, cooking, baked goods, textile arts and of course, theatre!

Sunday School

Sunday School classes for children of all ages, toddlers through high school, takes place during the ten o'clock service.

Families go together to church for the service, including the opening hymn, first prayers, and Gloria. Just before the first reading, children are invited to go to THE KID ZONE (the room next to the Lounge on the second floor). Parents, please walk children upstairs to check in and receive an enrollment form. We will return to church after the sermon.

On Sundays when there is Morning Prayer, the kids will remain in class during the entire service and can be picked up upstairs. A parent should accompany all children who are four and under until we are sure they are settled. This program is coordinated by Denise Terry (mailto:terry.df@gmail.com).

TODAY, Sunday, October 15 -- Children and families participate in a Morning Prayer Service for DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY.

Sunday, October 22 -- Preparing for Day of the Dead celebration

Sunday, October 29 -- The Sunday School children will offer an altar in memory of those who have died this year. Children will remain at church for Morning Prayer.

Day of the Dead

We will remember those who have died in the year since All Souls Day 2022 with a decorated altar. If you have experienced the death of a family member, close friend, or pet, please send a photo of the deceased to Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com) or bring it to church. Please also tell us a little bit about them. The children will decorate frames for these photos, and will say a few words about each one. Your loved ones will be remembered on Sunday, October 29, as part of our Morning Prayer service.

New Musical Leadership

St. Thomas's is delighted to introduce our new musical team, choral conductor Matt Cramer and organist Noah Klein. Both joined us as of September 17th. Please help give them a very warm welcome, as we look forward to the continued flourishing of music in worship at St. Thomas's!

Interested in joining St. Thomas's Choir?

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

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

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; spring and summer clothing. 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.).

Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom.

On Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964

Join us for an six-week study of the short New Testament Epistles using the Yale Bible Study curriculum. Watch the video and check out the other materials ahead of time, and then join us for conversation and fellowship. Find the materials here: https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/new-testament-epistles/

October 19: Week 5, The Johannine Epistles October 26: Week 6, 1 and 2 Peter and Jude

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



Serving Today

Officiant & Preacher: Madeleine Anderson Choral Conductor: Matthew Cramer

Organist: Noah Klein Lector: Denise Terry Ushers: Gary Robison

Coffee Hour: Parish and Day School communities

Vestry Host: Bill English

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Preacher-in-Residence The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden) Linda Meyer (Junior Warden) Bill English (Treasurer) Denise Terry (Clerk) Madeleine Anderson Max Ballardo Claire Scully

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially: the people of Russia and the people of Ukraine; the people of Gaza and the people of Israel; all who are afflicted by war and natural disaster

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; Young adults, young adult ministries and networks. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church.

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

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

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