

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 25, YEAR A

Service of Morning Prayer

October 29, 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.

VOLUNTARY

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past (680, The Hymnal 1982)



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [Silence is kept.]

Officiant and People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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.

JUBILATE

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All are seated.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-16 (sung by the Choir)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,

Ray Francis Brown

or the land and the earth were born, $\ensuremath{^*}$

from age to age you are God.

- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

- prosper our handiwork.
- 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

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

All stand.

HYMN

Take my life, and let it be (707, The Hymnal 1982)



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

CANTICLE 3

The Song of Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55 Music: Charles Villier Stanford (1852–1924), Magnificat in G, op. 81

THE THIRD LESSON

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

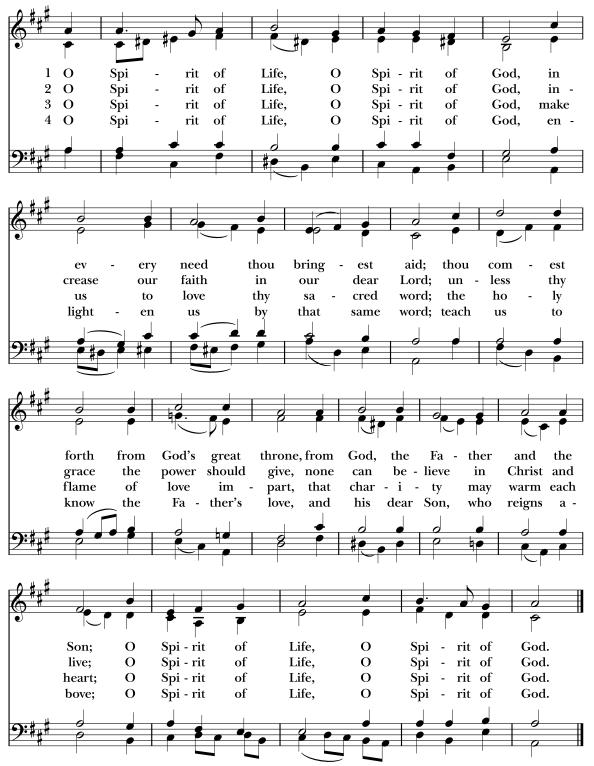
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet""?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

All stand.



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All are seated.

THE SERMON

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

DAY OF THE DEAD OBSERVANCE (St. Thomas's Sunday School)

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.

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

(*The Collect of the Day*) Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(A Collect for the Renewal of Life) O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(A Prayer for Mission) O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

All are seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A new commandment I give unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another.

All stand.

A new commandment

By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Words: John 13:34-35 Music: Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

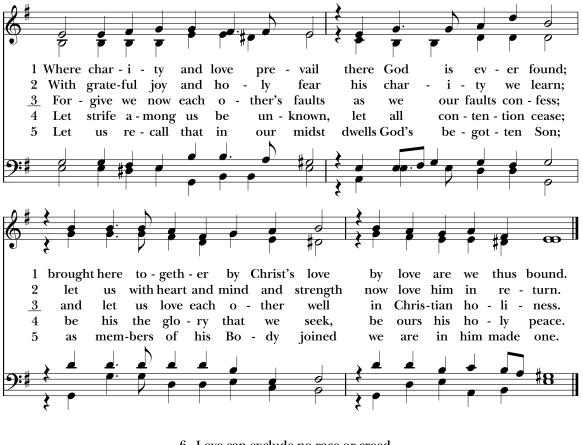
Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements.

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.

Where charity and love prevail (581, The Hymnal 1982)



 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

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DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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

VOLUNTARY

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)



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 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 Denise Terry (w/ sermon)
- December 3 Eucharist with Rev. Gina Gore preaching and presiding
- December 10 Eucharist with Rev. Nathan Empsall preaching and presiding
- December 17 Eucharist with Rev. Derek Stefanovsky preaching and presiding

TODAY, Don Edwards will lead the congregation in Morning Prayer with Madeleine Anderson preaching.

After graduating from Yale, Don Edwards did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and Rutgers University before helping establish Livingston College at Rutgers and shaping its multi-racial, urban affairs mission. He retired from a long career as Vice President for Public Affairs and Development at Rutgers and as President of The American Boychoir School before relocating to Connecticut. He has served as Senior Warden of Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton, People's Warden of Christ Church, New Brunswick, and Junior Warden of St. Thomas's. He now serves as President of the Board of Loaves & Fishes, which provides food and clothing to more than 300 families each week at St. PJ's on Wooster Square.

Madeleine Anderson (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.

The Rev. Kerith Harding will preach and preside on **November 5**. Rev. Kerith moved to Connecticut from Maui in 2021 to follow her spouse who was called to be the Chaplain of the Episcopal Church at Yale. On Maui, Kerith served as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, a vibrant parish on the slopes of Haleakala, for nearly nine years. Prior to her call to Maui, she was the Assistant Rector of Christ & Holy Trinity in Westport, CT for three and a half years. Rev. Kerith has a B.S. from Vanderbilt, an M.S. in Counselor Education from Portland State and an M. Div from Yale/Berkeley. She is the mother of two young children and one very patient rescue dog.

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 children 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 (<u>terry.df@gmail.com</u>).

TODAY, 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

TODAY, 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 as part of our Morning Prayer service.

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 <u>lindarossmeyer@gmail.com</u>

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.).

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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</u> and add your contact info in the comment box. You may also access the Parish Directory on our homepage, <u>www.stthomasnewhaven.org</u> for contact information. Julie Kelly in the Parish Office can provide the directory password. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!



Serving Today

Presider: Don Edwards Preacher: Madeleine Anderson Music Director: Matthew Cramer Organist: Noah Klein Lector: Jenny Chavira Ushers: Gary Robison, Claire Scully Coffee Hour: Bob & Lorna Herdt Vestry Host: Madeleine Anderson

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: Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

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

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Canada, United States of America

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