



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Service of Morning Prayer

February 25, 2024 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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**INTROIT** (*sung by the Schola*)

Crux fidelis

Crux fidelis, inter omnes  
arbor una nobilis,  
nulla silva talem profert  
fronde, flore, germine.  
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,  
dulce pondus sustinet.

Faithful cross, among all  
the one noble tree,  
no forest produces such  
foliage, flower, fruit.  
Sweetest wood, sweetest nails,  
bears the sweetest weight.

Words: Saint Venatius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (c. 530–c. 609) Music: Felice Anerio (c. 1530–1614)

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

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*Officiant*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant*

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

*Officiant 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.**

*Officiant*

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

## THE INVITATORY

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: **And your glory all the day long.**

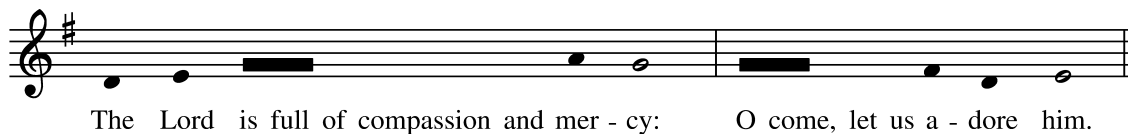
*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**VENITE** (*sung by the Choir*)

Kathryn Rose

*At the beginning of the Invitatory Psalm, and at all times marked [Ant.], the People sing the following antiphon:*



Setting: Plainsong, Tone 2; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979.  
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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. **[Ant.]**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hands 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. **[Ant.]**

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! **[Ant.]**

*All are seated.*

**PSALM 22:22-30** (*sung by the Choir*)

Tone IV.1

*Antiphon:* We beheld him despised and rejected, a  
man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

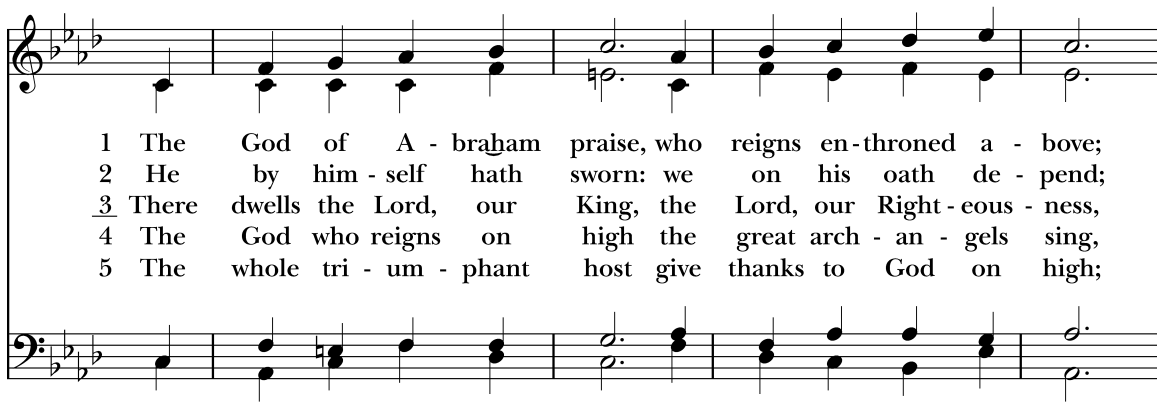
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

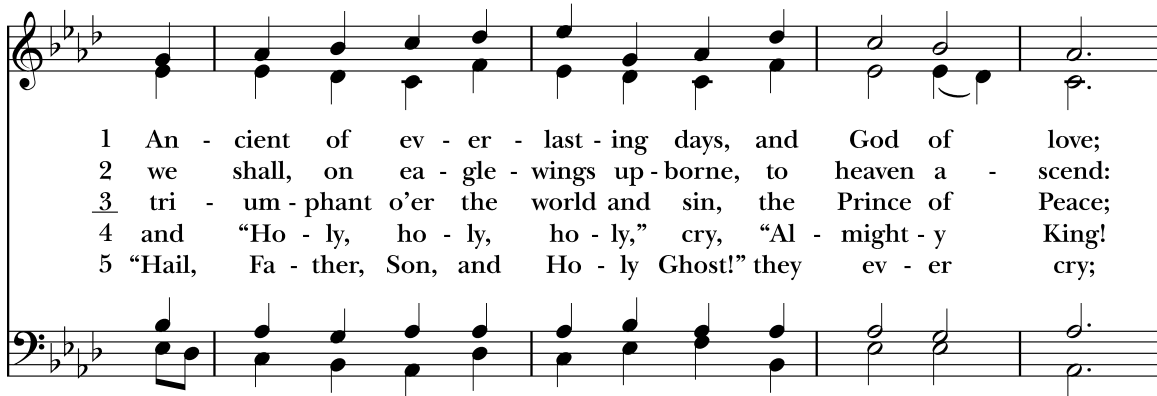
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

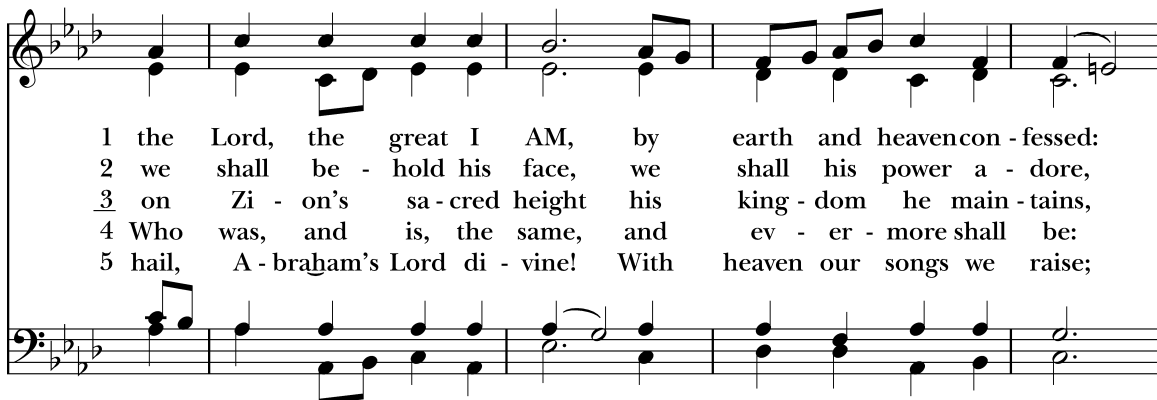
*All stand.*



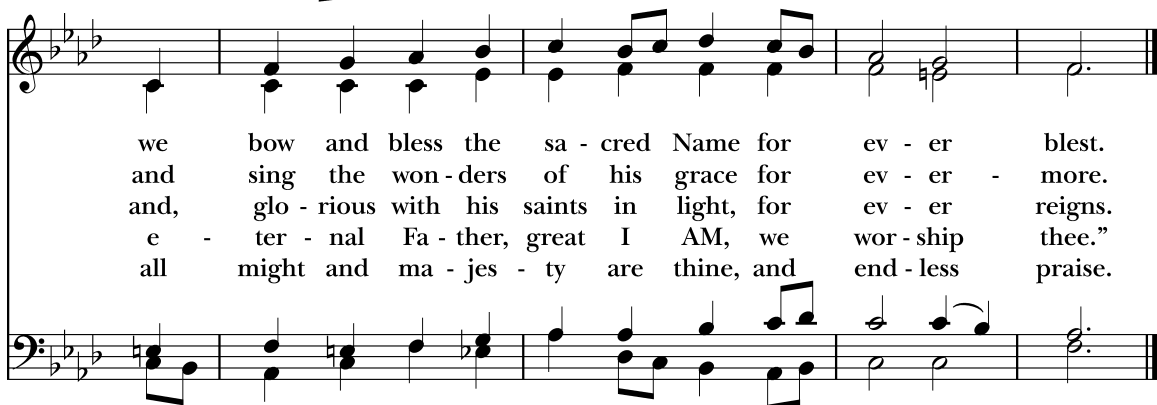
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

*All are seated.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

## CANTICLE 5

Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace  
according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.  
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 2:29-32 Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929–1994)

## THE THIRD LESSON

MARK 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me

and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**HYMN** How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (636, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

*Optional Interlude*



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

*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*

*(The Collect of the Day)* O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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)* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

*All are seated.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ich folge dir gleichfalls

*Sherzade Panthaki, soprano, Adrienne Greenbaum flute, Stephen Gamboa-Diaz, organ*

Ich folge dir gleichfalls  
mit freudigen Schritten  
Und lasse dich nicht,  
Mein Leben, mein Licht.  
Befördre den Lauf,  
Und höre nicht auf,  
Selbst an mir zu ziehen,  
zu schieben, zu bitten.

I follow you likewise  
with happy steps  
and do not leave you,  
my life, my light.  
Pursue your journey,  
and don't stop,  
continue to draw me on,  
to push me, to urge me.

Words: Unknown author Music: J.S. Bach (1685–1750), *Johannes-Passion*, BWV 245

*All stand.*

## 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](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

*All stand.*

HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said (675, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

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

Passacaglia  
David Hurd (b. 1950)

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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** Jane Nichols

**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer

**Organist:** Stephen Gamboa-Diaz

**Lector:** Claire Scully

**Ushers:** Gary Robison, Claire Scully

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Robison's

**Vestry Host:** Claire Scully

## 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

Morgen Campbell

Ricardo Chavira

Alexandria Robison

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. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network

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

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

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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.*



**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!

February 25	Morning Prayer led by Jane Nichols (w/ sermon)
March 3	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
March 10	Morning Prayer led by Ricardo Chavira (w/sermon)
March 17	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson (w/sermon)

**TODAY**, Jane Nichols will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Jane Nichols is a PhD student in theology at Yale University, focusing on the theological formation of the Episcopal Church in the immediate aftermath of the American Revolution. Jane holds degrees in history and theology from Vassar College and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and has previously written about gender and transgender identity within biblical interpretation.

On **March 3**, the Rev. Maureen Peitler-Lederman is presiding and preaching. Mo is a native Nutmegger and serves through the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. She is a graduate of Providence College, BA Theology and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. Ordained in 2004, Mo served as the Associate Rector and Chaplain of the Day School at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in New Haven, CT for nine years. She became the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Guilford, CT until June of 2021. She has served the diocese as a member of the Commission on Ministry, Chair of the South Central Leadership Team, Chair of the Women's Ministry Network, a Camp Washington Chaplain and Retreat Leader, Chaplain to the St. Peter's theater Program and Chair for the Committee for the Formation of All the Baptized. Currently she is a diocesan consultant, working with newly ordained clergy. She leads retreats for parish groups and vestries, and recently worked with the Ekklesia Ballet Company on their work, Body and Land. Through Trytank, alongside the Rev. Rachel Field, she leads an online support group for newly ordained clergy throughout the national Episcopal Church. She is pursuing a Certificate in Communications and Digital Media through the Center for New Media at Middlesex College. When not serving parishes or taking classes Mo enjoys spending time with family, baking, singing in a community choir, and blending and drinking tea.

### **It's Lent!**

There are many creative and life-giving ways to observe Lent. Resources are available on the Lent website pages of [The Episcopal Church](#) and at the [SALT Project](#).

### **Lenten Study Group, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm**

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

This study will consider the “unique perspective of gender and gender roles in the Bible and in ancient Israel. From the pastoral setting of Ruth to the trauma of Lamentations, from the love poetry of Song of Songs to the court intrigue of Esther, where do these writings come from, and how might we read them today?” Find the materials here: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/new-testament-epistles/>

February 22 – Ruth, Part 2

February 29 – Song of Songs, Part 1

March 7 – Song of Songs, Part 2

March 14 – Lamentations, Part 1

March 21 – Lamentations, Part 2

**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 [lindarossmeyster@gmail.com](mailto:lindarossmeyster@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; 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.).

**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.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org) for contact information. [Julie Kelly](#) in the Parish Office can provide the directory password. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!