

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.

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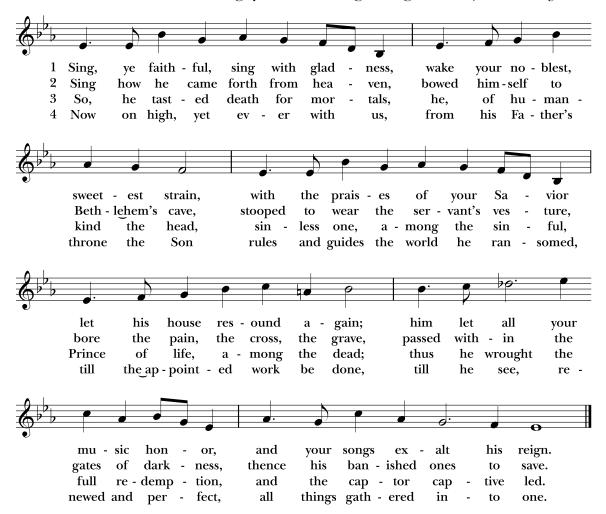
St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

VOLUNTARY

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness (492, The Hymnal 1982)



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider

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.**

Glory to God in the highest (S 278, *The Hymnal 1982*)





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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM 98 (sung by the Choir)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \ast

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

Sarah MacDonald

ACTS 10:44-48

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

All stand.

HYMN

Come, we that love the Lord (**392**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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Music: Vineyard Haven, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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1 JOHN 5:1-6

THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

Intercessor and People Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Presider

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If ye love me

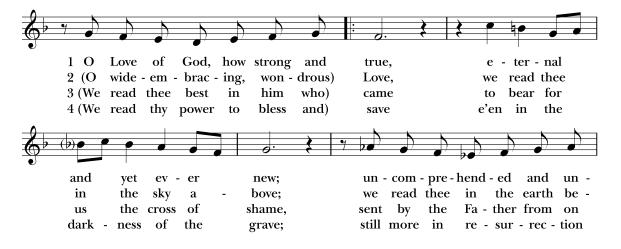
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide in you forever; e'en the sp'rit of truth.

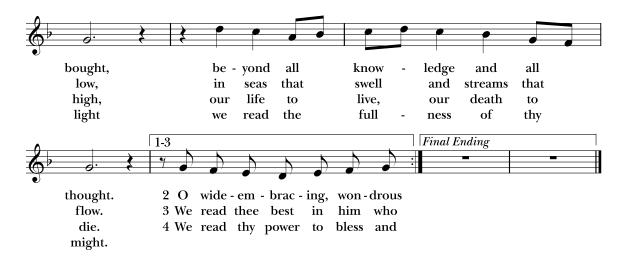
Words: John 14:15-17 Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585), 1565

During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers bring the gifts forward and the Presider sets the table. The People follow the Ushers and 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, 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.

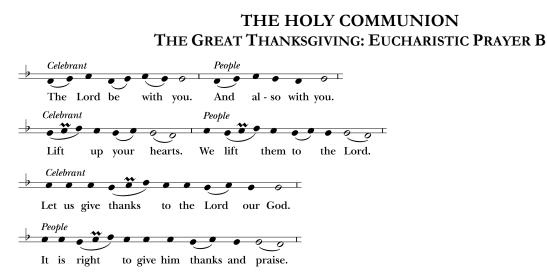
OFFERTORY HYMN

O Love of God, how strong and true (456, *The Hymnal 1982*)





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Presider

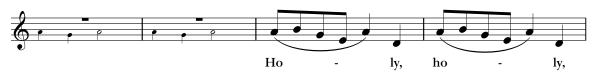
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

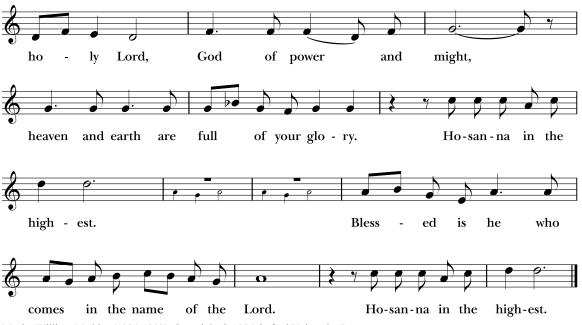
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 Lord (S 128, The Hymnal 1982)





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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 Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 for ever. **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.

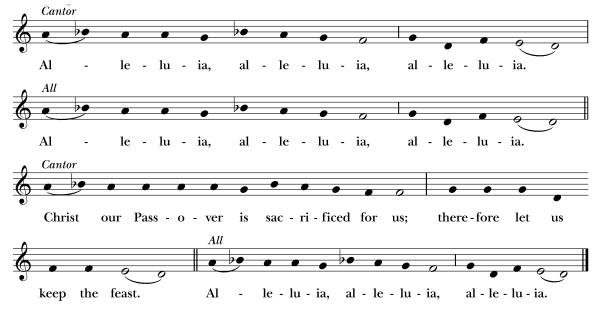
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover (S 151, The Hymnal 1982)



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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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 **COMMUNION ANTHEM** Ave verum corpus

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

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary: who truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for all people. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be to us a foretaste at the trial of death.

Words: Eucharistic hymn, attr. Pope Innocent VI (1282–1342)

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), K. 618, 1791

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

seat.

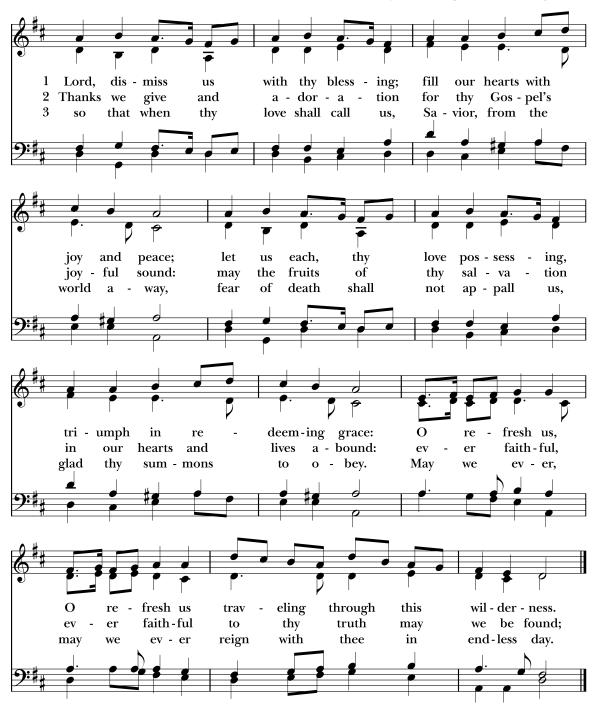
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (344, The Hymnal 1982)



Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

DISMISSAL

Presider:[The Presider dismisses the People.]Alleluia, alleluia!People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

VOLUNTARY

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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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 (<u>www.stthomasnewhaven.org</u>), click Enews Archive for the latest edition or Enews (subscribe) to subscribe.



Clergy Transition Update

The Vestry is pleased to share that we have received an application for our half-time priest-in-charge position and have moved into the interviewing phase. Any additional applications received during this phase will be passed along to the Vestry for consideration. Please note that diocesan rules require that we maintain strict confidentiality concerning the applicant's identity. We welcome your prayers for our wise discernment!

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!

May 5	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
May 12	Morning Prayer led by Jennifer Herdt (w/ sermon)
May 19	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson
May 26	Eucharist with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding
June 2	Morning Prayer led by Sheldon Campbell (w/ sermon)
June 9	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding

TODAY, 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.

On **May 12**, Senior Warden Jennifer Herdt will be preaching and leading Morning Prayer. Jennifer has been a member of St. Thomas's since moving to the area in 2010, together with husband Jan Hagens and children Cora and Adam (now both college students). A longtime singer in the St. Thomas's choir and onetime Sunday School teacher, Jennifer is a member of the faculty at Yale Divinity School in the field of Christian Ethics. Jennifer earned her B.A. from Oberlin College and M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University. She has written books on sympathy, religion and faction, ethical formation, and virtue ethics. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys hiking, running, and cooking.

Sunday School Spring 2024

There will be a few different options for youth education at St Thomas's this April and May. Young people of all ages are welcome. Please contact Denise Terry (<u>terry.df@gmail.com</u>) with any questions. Here is the schedule:

May 5 – Children are welcome in the KidZone (room next to the lounge) at 9:45 a.m. We will learn about the Holy Spirit and plan for Pentecost (May 19th). Children will join the service in time for the sermon.

Sunday Server Sign-ups

During this time of transition, we are fortunate to have a rich mix of lay-led and clergy-led worship. Please see the list below to sign up as a lector, usher, or intercessor. If you would like to serve in one of these roles, but feel like you might need a few pointers or a little refresher, just reach out to one of our vestry members a week or two in advance. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-lectors8</u>

If you are interested in leading Morning Prayer, or in serving for the first time as Eucharistic minister or as sacristan, please reach out to Junior Warden Linda Meyer, <u>lindarossmeyer@gmail.com</u>. 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 Linda Meyer at <u>lindarossmeyer@gmail.com</u>

Study Group, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm

Study Group meets weekly Thursdays 7:30-8:30. Please check the E-news for schedule updates.

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. 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? Contact the coffee hour host to discuss what you can bring and how you can help out. Visit this link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee. Please contact Julie Kelly with any questions. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Maureen Peitler-Lederman Music Director: Matthew Cramer Organist: Noah Klein Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira Lector: Jennifer Herdt Intercessor: Bill English Sacristan: Madeleine Anderson Ushers: Gary Robison Vestry Host: Madeleine Anderson Hosting Coffee Hour: Lorna Herdt, Jen Regan

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

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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

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

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