



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, YEAR A

Service of the Holy Eucharist

November 5, 2023 10 A.M.

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## St. Thomas's Church Welcomes Everyone

Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey, **there is a place for you here**, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish. There is a saying in the Episcopal tradition that answers many a question: "All *may*, some *do*, but none *must*." We gather to feast on Word and sacrament and song, to learn and inquire, to enjoy relaxed fellowship and find mutual support. And we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**To participate in worship today** all you need is this bulletin. If you are new or visiting, we invite you to consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a **nametag**, which will be waiting for you on the table inside the main entrance.

**All church spaces are accessible.** Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **gender-neutral restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

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

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VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

HYMN

For all the saints (287, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
 win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



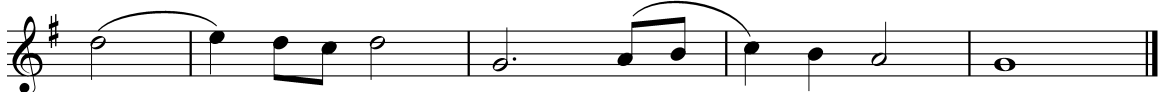
\*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the  
 \*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host\_\_\_



King of\_\_\_ glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

## OPENING ACCLAMATION, SALUTATION, AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest (S 280, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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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.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:1-10, 22** (*sung by the Choir*)

J. Marcus Ritchie

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

I sing a song of the saints of God (293, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and  
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for  
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And  
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And  
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain  
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of  
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -  
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Presider*

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor and People*

The season of harvest is a tangible demonstration of God's abundant generosity. In gratitude for the multitude of gifts that we have received, let us seek God's blessings for the church and for the world.

Bless Christ's holy church. Help those who minister in Jesus's name follow the path of true discipleship. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the leaders of nations around the world, and especially the elected leaders of this nation. Help them to be steadfast in the pursuit of peace. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who advocate for systemic change, especially those addressing issues of racial justice. Help heal our nation's wounds as it learns to uphold all people. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**



Bless the fruits of the earth. Help humans steward your creation for the generations to come. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with gifts for ministry and discernment to recognize them. Help us to offer those gifts as blessings to others. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. Help them to be strong, and help us to be compassionate. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

On this All Saints' Sunday, we pray for all dearly departed, especially those whose legacy lives on in this community of holy people. [*The Presider recites the names of the dearly departed.*] Hold the living and the dead in the communion of all your saints. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the prayerful intentions that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

Gracious God, humbly and confidently we turn to you, the source of all blessings; hear our prayers, offered through your redeeming Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **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.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you may simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Justorum animae

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,  
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis:  
visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,  
illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hands of God  
and the torment of death shall not touch them.  
In the sight of the foolish they seemed to die,  
but they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom 3:1-2a, 3b Music: William Byrd (c.1540–1623)



*Presider*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Presider*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover (S 154, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic minister will come to you. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your*

*chest. You may choose not to partake of wine—Holy Communion is complete and efficacious when received in one kind only. To receive wine, please sip from the common cup, rather than intincting (dipping the bread into the wine). This is diocesan guidance. After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine  
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Gracious Lord Jesus,  
grant them eternal rest.

Words: From the Requiem Mass Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986), *Requiem*, op. 9, 1947

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

*Presider*

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones (618, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

## VOLUNTARY

## Postlude

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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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.*

**It's Stewardship Season!** While stewardship is a year-round activity, we are in the midst of a more intentional season of giving. Among other things, look out for a series of Enews specials with information about why and how to give. If you have any questions, you can always ask a member of the Vestry.

**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!

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
December 24	5 PM, Eucharist with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding

**TODAY,** The Rev. Kerith Harding will preach and preside. 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.

On **November 12**, Alexandria Robison will lead Morning Prayer and preach. Alexandria has been attending St. Thomas's regularly for six years but has been coming as a guest with her grandparents for over 15 years. Alexandria was baptized in the Episcopal Church and was formally received in 2019, but grew up in the Lutheran Church. While attending St. Thomas's Alexandria has been eager to get involved with the church community in any way possible. She has served on the vestry, sung in the choir, taught Sunday school, been a delegate for the Diocesan Convention, and more. When not at St. Thomas's Alexandria works as a Business and Nonprofit Librarian for the New Haven Free Public Library.

### 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 (<mailto:terry.df@gmail.com>).

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6 -- ALL SAINTS: What is a saint? Who is a saint? Do you know a saint?**

**SUNDAYS, NOV. 13 and 20 -- Thankfulness and sharing, planning a service project**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 27 -- No classes, Thanksgiving Weekend**

**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](mailto: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.).

**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!



## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Kerith Harding

**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer

**Organist:** Noah Klein

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Lector:** Max Ballardo

**Intercessor:**

**Sacristan:**

**Ushers:** Gary Robison

**Coffee Hour:**

**Vestry Host:** Denise Terry

## 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:** Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton; All deacons and the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:** Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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