



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Palms & Service of Holy Eucharist

March 24, 2024

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.

At the direction of the Presider, the People assemble for the Liturgy of the Palms.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

MARK 11:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

The Schola sings the following anthem:

Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

The Presider continues:

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The palms are distributed.

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

MUSIC AT THE PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral

Roever & Korb

The order of procession is: Crucifer, Bagpiper, Choir, People, Eucharistic Minister, Presider. The procession will go down the center aisle and outside to make a full clockwise circuit of the building. If this is too far for you to walk, you may wait inside. Upon returning to the church, all remain standing for the following hymn.

HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor (154, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

ISAIAH 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 (*sung by the Choir; the People respond with the Antiphon*)

Tone VII.3



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
 fear is all around; *
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
 I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me." **[Ant.]**

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt. Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [*Passion Chorale*], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

*The Passion Gospel is read by members of the congregation. Please see the separate leaflet, and join in saying the parts for the **Crowd**. The People remain seated until the arrival at Golgotha, and then all stand. At the end of the Gospel, all remain standing for a period of silence and the Prayers of the People.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor and People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the intercessions and thanksgivings that we now name before you, either silently or aloud. [*You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.*]

Presider

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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

Solus ad Victimam

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142), tr. Helen Waddell (1889-1965) Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988), 1973

*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

When I survey the wondrous cross (474, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Thomas and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever 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,**

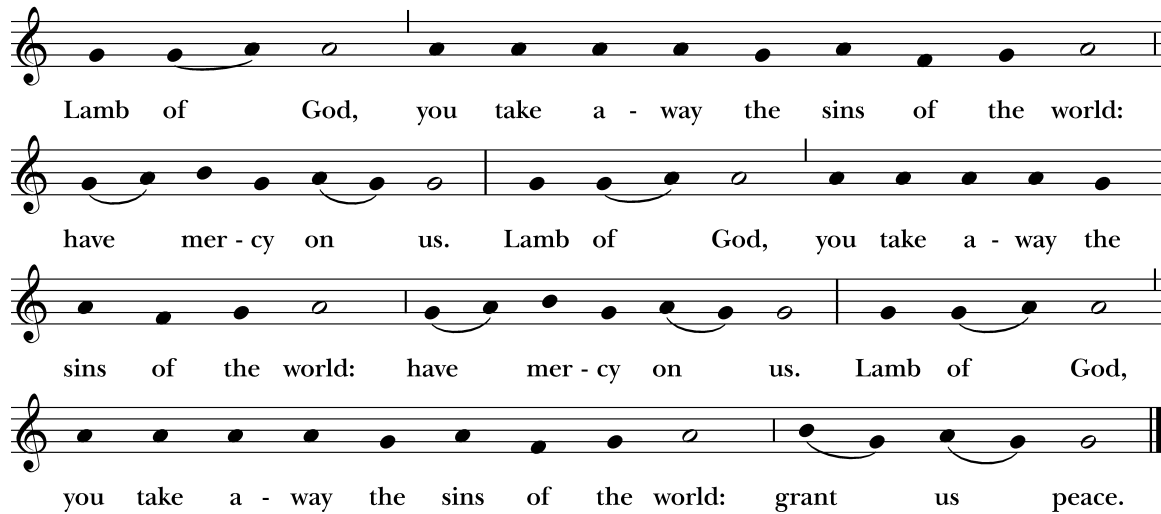
**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, S 160, *The Hymnal 1982*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1984 Mason Martens.

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, 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 seat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity
I'll sing on.

Words: *Southern Harmony*, 1835 Music: Doug McConnell (b. 1951)

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

My song is love unknown (458, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt. Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People leave in silence. You are welcome to stay for fellowship.

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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), click Enews Archive for the latest edition or Enews (subscribe) to subscribe.



Clergy Transition Update

The Vestry is glad to share that the diocese has approved our request to search for a half-time priest-in-charge, and the job posting is now live! The diocese will collect all applications received in the coming six weeks before sending them on to the Vestry for consideration.

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!

March 24	Palm Sunday with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
March 28	Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
[March 29	Good Friday—no service]
March 30	7 pm Easter Vigil Eucharist with Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen preaching and presiding
March 31	Easter Eucharist with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding

TODAY, and on **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, 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 **March 30**, the Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen will preside and preach at the Great Vigil. The Rev. Yejide Peters Peterson is Associate Dean and Director for Formation at Berkeley Divinity School, the Episcopal Seminary at Yale Divinity School. A graduate of The University of Michigan (B.A.) and Yale University (M.Div.), Peters served as vicar of St. Chad's with St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's in Shrewsbury, England. Her experience also includes nine years as rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Briarcliff Manor, NY, associate rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, and board leadership in organizations such as Forward Movement and Rural Migrant Ministries.

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

Study Group meets weekly Thursdays 7:30-8:30, please check the E-news for more information.

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 lindarossmeier@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. 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

Bagpiper: Coreyanne Armstrong

Eucharistic Minister: Madeleine Anderson

Lector: Jennifer Herdt

Passion Readers: Max Ballardo, Jenny Chavira, Bill English, Jan Hagens, Bob Herdt, Jennifer Herdt, Claire Sculley, Trudi Schultz

Intercessor: William English

Sacristan: Claire Scully

Ushers: Gary Robison, Claire Scully

Coffee Hour Host and contributors: Jennifer Herdt with Max & Trudi Ballardo, Gary Robison, Denise Terry, Lorna Herdt

Vestry Host: Denise Terry

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Preacher-in-Residence

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)

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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. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: The Church of the Province of West Africa

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

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Information for Holy Week and Easter

Remember, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. See the liturgy schedule above. A few reminders...

Easter Flower & Music Offerings

Your gift contributes to our beautiful Easter celebration, *and* it may be made in honor or memory of someone important to you. All donations will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins and in the Enews. Giving envelopes are in the pews and at the doors; you may donate by check or online using [this link](#). **For inclusion in the Easter bulletins, we must have your donation by Monday, March 25 at noon.**

Inviting Your Favorite Treats for Palm Sunday Coffee Hour and Easter Sunday

Please help us make coffee hour on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday special for regulars and visitors alike! Look for the signup sheet in the lounge, contact [Julie](#) to find out what's needed, or just bring a dish. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

Our Maundy Thursday observance begins with a simple supper of soup and bread in the Lounge. Please bring food to share if you can, but come even if you can't. So that we can get an idea of numbers, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Lounge. If you plan to attend, please be sure to sign up on the flip chart in the Lounge on Sunday. You can also sign up by emailing [Julie](#).

About Our Holy Week and Easter Services....

Palm Sunday March 24, 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Palm Sunday begins with the Liturgy of the Palms and a Palm Sunday procession with bagpipes. When the congregation reassembles, the service continues with the Passion Sunday Liturgy, which includes the reading of the Passion According to Luke and Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday March 28, 6:30 p.m., Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding Soup Supper, Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist

The Triduum (three days) of Holy Week begins with Maundy Thursday. We will gather in the Lounge for an "agape" meal, in our case a simple potluck supper of soup, bread, and water. (If you can, please let us know you are coming so that we can provide adequate seating.) The service begins in the lounge and processes into the sanctuary for a service of Holy Eucharist, during which we participate in Foot Washing (participation optional). During the Stripping of the Altar, the altar candles and reserved sacrament are taken to the Altar of Repose set up in the Lady Chapel. You are invited to stay for prayer or meditation.

[Liturgy Trivia: There is no dismissal in the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday liturgies. Therefore one is considered to be in worship from the beginning of the Maundy Thursday service until the end of the Easter Vigil.]

Good Friday March 29, Noon, 7:30 pm, Bethesda Lutheran Church

St. Thomas's will not be hosting services on Good Friday. You are invited to join Bethesda Lutheran for either their noon or 7:30 pm service.

Holy Saturday March 30, 7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen preaching and presiding

This service concludes the Triduum. The first part of the liturgy includes the kindling of the new fire, the singing of the Exsultet, and the Hebrew Scripture readings of salvation history interspersed with plainsong chants and canticles. The service continues with the renewal of our baptismal covenant, and then a full service of Holy Communion. While this service is long, it's also beautiful and intimate, a moving and joyful way to welcome the resurrected Christ.

Easter Sunday March 31 10 a.m. Festal Eucharist, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding

Easter Sunday, the Sunday of the Resurrection, is the most important Sunday of the Church year. The St. Thomas's Choir will offer anthems and the congregation will join the Choir in singing favorite Easter hymns.