



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A

Liturgy of the Palms & Service of Holy Eucharist

April 2, 2023

10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, **WELCOME!**

To participate in worship today all you need is this bulletin.

Face masks are optional. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Older people and people with particular health conditions continue to be at greater risk, so your continued diligence is appreciated. **Please be respectful of those who continue to mask by observing social distancing.**

There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

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 **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required.

We are again offering wine during Holy Communion. To receive wine, you must sip from the common cup—you may not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). It may seem counterintuitive, but sipping is safer than intinction, because your hands touch many more surfaces than do your lips. You may choose not to partake of wine—Holy Communion is complete and efficacious when received in one kind only. Additional instructions for Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate points below.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

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

MATTHEW 21:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.

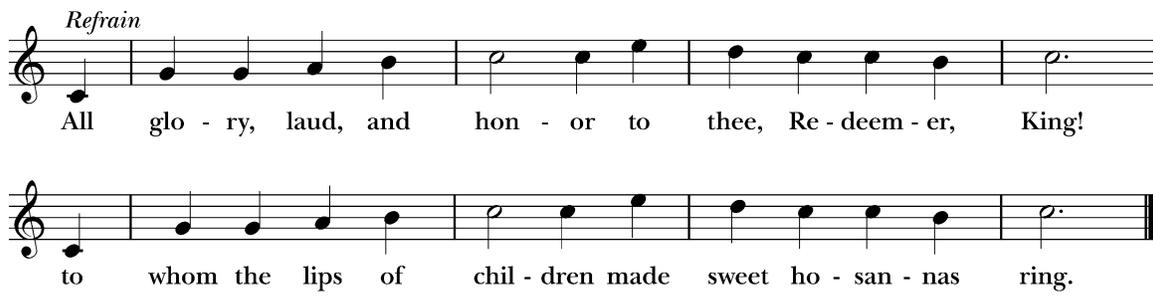
MUSIC AT THE PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral

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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.

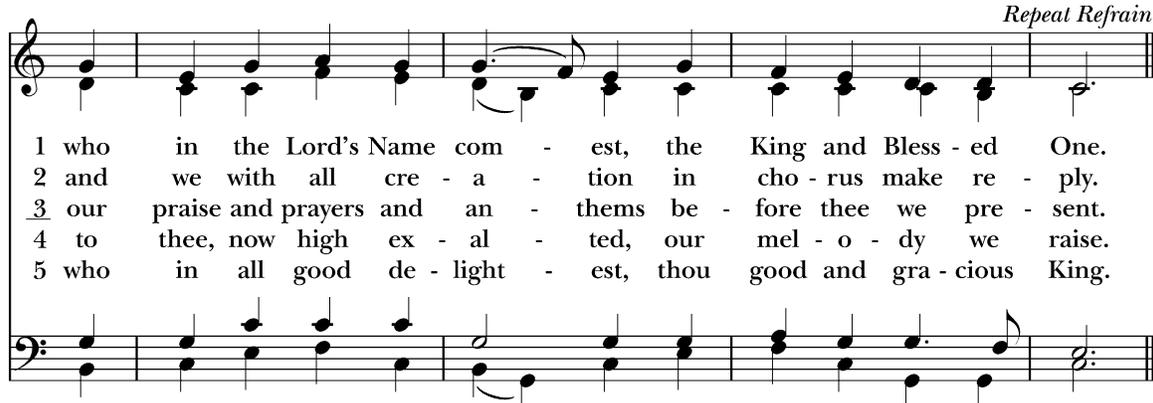
Refrain



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. **[Antiphon]**

- 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. **[Antiphon]**
- 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.” **[Antiphon]**

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.

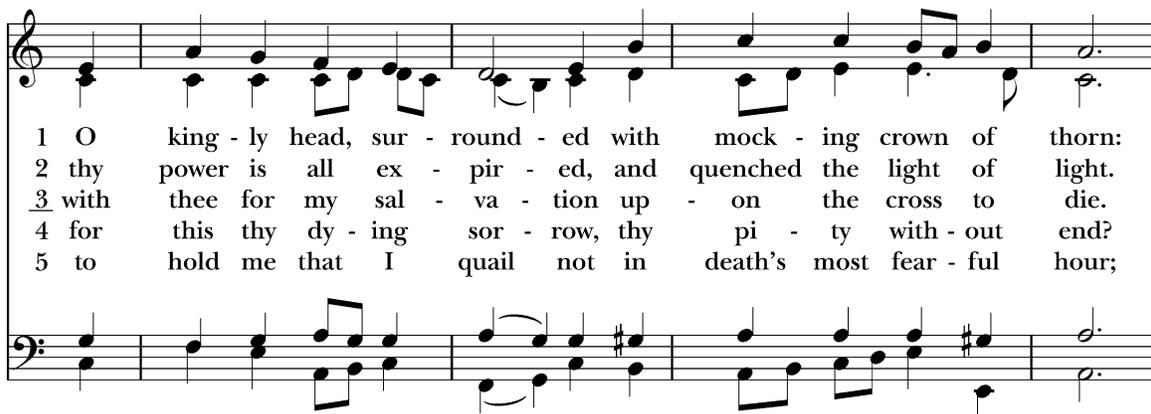
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

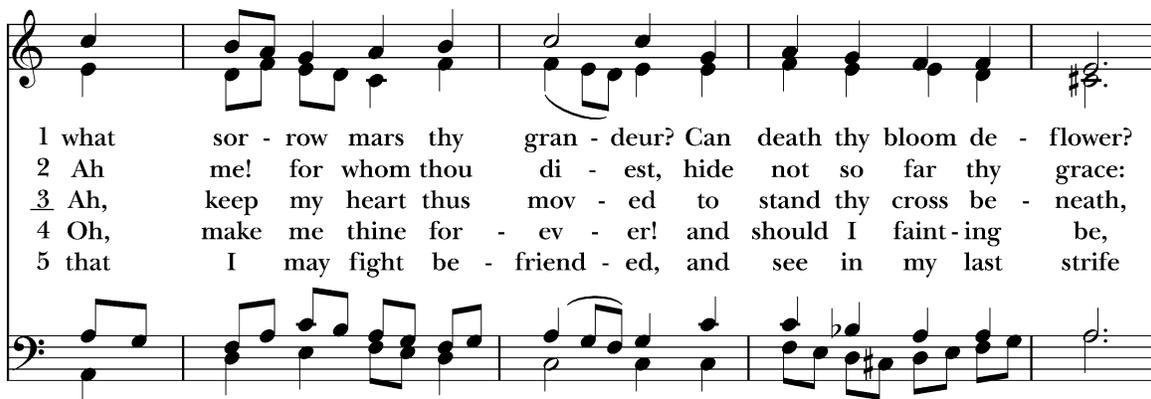
All stand.



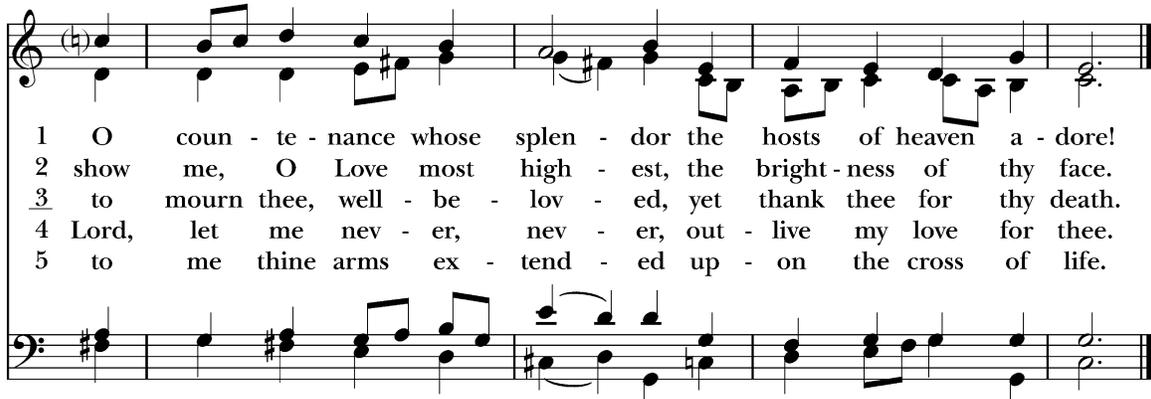
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail 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 MATTHEW

*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 [The Rev. Keri Aubert]

Presider

Even the most barren landscapes contain seeds of life awaiting a season favorable for emergence. With gratitude for God's creative and re-creative power, we pray for the church and for the world, saying, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy."

Intercessor and People

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church, that all who proclaim Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in humble service to others. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all in authority around the world, including the elected and appointed officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. We pray especially for the President and Vice-President, Congress and Supreme Court, governors and legislatures of all states, and mayors and councils of all towns. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all that you have created and named good, especially the land, sea, sky, and life surrounding us, that it may be cherished in the present and preserved for the future. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray that our nation will continue the turning necessary to resolve its sinful legacy of slavery and racism, that all Americans may at last attain the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may continue to cultivate our unique gifts for making this a better world. During this period of Lenten preparation, we pray especially for our inquirers: Josh M., Josh P., Justin, Morgen, Nancy, and Sheldon. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the children and youth of this and every community, that they may know love and safety, and grow in wisdom and kindness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find solace, strength, and healing. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may join the saints in your eternal glory. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

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

God of compassion, hear the prayers of your people: help us look past the temporary desolation of our earthly trials, and reach toward the eternal majesty of your heavenly kingdom, where all divisions dissolve, all creation prospers, and all believers rejoice; we pray through our redeemer Jesus Christ, in our advocate the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Carry me, O crying Savior

Carry me, O crying Savior;
hold me in Thy love.
Form me in Thy staying favor;
guide me from above.
Bonds of joy to sorrow quicken;
teach me when they darksome turn.
Carry me, O crying Savior
in Thy heart that burns.
Carry me, O bleeding Savior;
hold me in Thy love.
Form me in Thy pleading favor;
guide me from above.
Bonds are broken, wisdom spoken;
empty chambers me to save.
Carry me, O crying Savior
in Thy heart that burns.

Carry me, O pierced Savior;
hold me in Thy love.
Form me in Thy living favor;
guide me from above.
Cold surrounding, night confounding;
show me light that death foresees.
Carry me, O pierced Savior,
promising Thy peace.
Carry me, O soaring Savior;
hold me in Thy love.
Form me in Thy warming favor;
guide me from above.
Morning dawns on sighing mountains,
frozen rooms in me aglow.
Carry me, O soaring Savior,
e'er Thy strength bestow.

Words and Music: Gabriel Rhys Simerson (b. 1998), *Manassas*, 2021

*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).

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

- Presider: The Lord be with you.
- People: **And also with you.**
- Presider: Lift up your hearts.
- People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider and People

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord (S 129, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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Presider

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

O Lamb of God (S 158, *The Hymnal 1982*)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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. To receive wine, you must sip from the common cup—you may not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Zerfließe, mein Herze

Zerfließe, mein Herze, in Fluten der Zähren
dem Höchsten zu Ehren!

Dissolve, my heart, into torrents of weeping,
the Highest to honor.

Erzähle der Welt und dem Himmel die Not:
Dein Jesus ist tot!

Proclaim to the world and to heaven thy affliction:
thy Jesus is dead.

Words: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680–1747) Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), *St. John Passion*, BWV 245 (1724)

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (172, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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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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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This year we are sharing Holy Week and Easter liturgies with other churches. We hope that this will be an opportunity to continue to build relationships with other nearby churches. You are encouraged to immerse yourself as deeply as possible in the liturgies of Holy Week, even though not all of them are "at home." PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO.

Maundy Thursday ♦ April 6 ♦ at St. Paul & St. James Episcopal, 57 Olive Street

6:30 p.m. Agape Meal followed by Holy Eucharist

(with foot washing and stripping of the altar)

Stream at www.facebook.com/stpaulstjames/videos?ref=page_internal

Good Friday ♦ April 7 ♦ at St. Thomas's

7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Stream at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964>

Holy Saturday ♦ April 8 ♦ at Bethesda Lutheran, 450 Whitney Avenue

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist

Park in the lot accessible from Whitney Avenue or along St. Ronan Street

Gather in the Rose Garden (weather permitting)

Stream at www.youtube.com/@BethesdaNewHaven/streams

Easter Sunday ♦ April 9 ♦ at St. Thomas's

9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Story (no candy)

Children and Parents gather in the Kindergarten Playground

(in case of rain, gather inside in the Kid Zone)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Festive Easter Brunch

Stream at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964>

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.*

Updated COVID-19 pandemic response policies begin TODAY. Face masks are no longer required for the congregation or choir but are required in the Vesting Room and Sacristy. **Communion wine** will be offered during communion, but you may receive only by sipping from the common cup; **YOU MAY NOT INTINCT.**

Easter Sunday is the 175th Anniversary of St. Thomas's Church! St. Thomas's 175th Anniversary celebration continues with Easter Brunch following our Easter Sunday worship. We hope that you and your loved ones can join us for feasting and fellowship (and leave well-fueled for the work of preparing your own private celebrations later in the day). Play the St. Thomas's History Trivia Quiz—lucky winners will take home a special Easter prize! Contributions of food for our celebration are warmly welcomed. You can sign up here (scroll down to see what others have already signed up to bring): [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4aacad2cabfe3-coffee#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4aacad2cabfe3-coffee#/) Contact Jennifer Herdt (jherdt44@gmail.com) with any questions.

Easter Gifts. We hope you will consider making a special gift to St. Thomas's Church this Easter. Giving envelopes are at the doors on Sunday, or you can donate online from the St. Thomas's website. Your gift may be made in honor or memory of someone important to you. Please be sure and note your intention on your check or in the online form. All donations will be listed in the Easter Day bulletin and in the April 6 Enews. **For inclusion in the Easter bulletins, we must have your donation by TUESDAY, April 4, at noon.** Thank you!

Scam Alert. Keri got scammed last week. Someone pretending to be her texted a number of her contacts, asking for gift cards. Here's the bottom line: KERI WILL NEVER TEXT OR EMAIL TO ASK FOR GIFT CARDS OR CASH TRANSFERS. In fact, Keri has a discretionary fund she can use to help folks needing emergency assistance. Scammers specifically target churches because churches are filled with kind people, so be careful!

Free Community Narcan Training. Wednesday, April 5, 6-7:15 p.m. New Haven Free Public Library, Ives Main Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven. Learn how to administer life-saving Narcan to those experiencing opioid overdose. Free parking in the Yale lot on Temple Street. See the registration link in Thursday's Enews.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOR LENT. As a parish-wide community service program during Lent, St. Thomas's is focusing on the local non-profit Loaves and Fishes. You can participate by donating money to purchase food or by donating clothing. See Thursday's Enews for details.

Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. We'll be off next week (for Maundy Thursday worship). Stay tuned for info about what's next.

ECCT 10th Annual Spring Training & Gathering: Zoom Workshops April 17-27; In-Person Event: April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Capitol Community College, Hartford. See the Enews for the link to more info.



The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Bagpiper: Coreyanne Armstrong

Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira

Crucifer: Lucy Sheehan

Lector: Denise Terry

Passion Readers: Jane Nichols, Bill English, Jenny Chavira, Jennifer Herdt, Claire Scully, Denise Terry, Madeleine Anderson, Ricardo Chavira

Intercessor: Claire Scully

Sacristan: Claire Scully

Usher: Claire Scully, Gary Robison

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)

Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)

Bill English (Treasurer)

Denise Terry (Clerk)

Madeleine Anderson Max Ballardo

Valerie Cicero Claire Scully

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for this year's Inquirers Class:

Josh M., Josh P., Justin, Morgen, Nancy, Sheldon (from St. Thomas's); Milton, Veronica (from St. PJ's)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

all who seek assistance at Loaves and Fishes; the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; ECCT Regions, Region Leadership Teams, and Region Missionaries

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

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