

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Thomas Episcopal Church! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this Sunday. If you are a visitor, please worship with us whenever you are in this area; and if a newcomer, you can help us to serve you by filling out a pew card and placing it in the collection plate. This will help us acknowledge your visit and schedule follow-up by the church.

We warmly invite all baptized Christians to join us in receiving Holy Communion today. Come forward with the rest of the congregation. You may receive the bread wafer in your hands, eat it, and then drink from the common cup when it is presented. Or, if you prefer, you can dip an edge of your wafer in the wine in order to receive both bread and wine at the same time.

We Episcopalians believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist (also known as mass or communion). May you find this sacrament a source of spiritual strength for the week to come, and an assurance of fellowship with your brother and sister Christians throughout the world

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

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### Church Staff

Vicar: The Very Rev. Shirley McWhorter

Secretary: Ramona Moyski

Bookkeeper: Carol Hoggard

Music Director: Barbara Conroy

Custodian: Gerald Eory

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### Bishop's Committee Members

#### Term Expires- 2020

Mike Krupa

Gary Sonnenberg

Kathy Zook

#### Term Expires- 2021

Scott Abernathy

Cheryl Koerber

Sherry Fegreus

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### Parish Life Organizational Leaders

Altar Servers: Steve Chapman

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Greeters: Jan Mans

Phone Tree: Nan Morrish

Church School: Judith Dabanian

Altar Guild: Beth Gill, Susan Eory

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Prayer Chain: Lea Donna Plaza

Funeral Meal coordinator: Roselynn Moore

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ROGATION SUNDAY**

**10:00am, MAY 6, 2018**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymns designated (H) are found in the Hymnal 1982 in the pews; Service Music (SM) is in the beginning section of the Hymnal.

Prelude

Call to Worship (prayer)

**Processional Hymn**, All creatures of our God and King (vs. 1,4,5,7) **H-400**

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**The Lessons:**

**First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

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

**This Morning We Pray For:**

**Churches, Clergy, Congregations and Ministries:**

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Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop; Wendell, our Bishop; Moises, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth, the ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald & Craig, ELCA Bishops in SE Michigan & NW Michigan; Retired Bishop, Stewart; retired clergy, spouses, companions and families. Our diocesan household; Shirley our Vicar, our church staff, the Bishop's Committee, all other church leaders and ministries, the congregation of St. Thomas; St. Paul & St. Luke, San Isidro, DR; St. James' Birmingham; St. Michael & All Angels, Lincoln Park.

Our Nation and Leaders: Donald, our President, Rick, our Governor, Kyle our Mayor; for Cameran Keebaugh, Noah Keebaugh, and all others who serve in our armed forces at home and abroad.

Peggy Ball	Mike Horvath	Ron McHenry	Debra Smith
Becky Bianchi	Pat Irving	Donna Miles	Joan Sonnenberg
Andi Bidwell	Dianne Kelly	Milton Moore	Norm Spencer
Fran Felty	Georgina Kesterson	Dick Osterling	Kaleigh Spry
Vara Gordon	Helen Kirk	LeaDonna Plaza	Richard Symondson
Janice Gorham	Phyllis Knight	Pam Richardson	Ron Tira
Pat Hall	Cheryl Koerber	Paul Schear	Carl Tuss
Sheila Hornby	Jan Lashbrook	Marlene Schurz	Mary Beth
Ivy Doris Horning	Joan Masson	Rob Sherry	

**Calendar This Week:**

\*Outside Group using the church

**Today**, Kristina Crofut, Rob Sherry, Janet Pounds, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

**Monday**, \*AA 7:00pm

**Tuesday**, \*AI-Anon 10:00am, Clericus, Trinity, Belleville 10 am

**Wednesday**, H.E. 10:30am, Bible Study 11:00am

**Thursday**, \*AA 5:00pm; BC meeting 6:30pm; Choir practice 7pm

**Saturday**, Thrift Shop opens 9:00am –12:00pm, Peter Martial Arts 10:00am-12:00pm, \*AA 7:30pm,

**Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Kienbaum**

**We give thanks to God for restoration of health to Carol Dolph and John Fry**

Refrain  
Sing to the Lord a new song.

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**Psalm 98**  
(Congregation to say words in bold type)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,  
    **\*for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm  
    **\*has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory;  
    **\*his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
    **\*and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
    **\*lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
    **\*with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
    **\*shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
    **\*the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
    **\*and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
    when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
    **\*and the peoples with equity.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

**Sequence Hymn: Alleluia**

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**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

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

**Sequence Hymn, Alleluia**

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One bread, one body

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord. 1. Can - nels or Jew, sea - rant or free, 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown, worn - an or man, no more, one in the Lord of all, gath - ered to one for all."

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## Holy, Holy, Holy

Voice

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of  
 might. Hea - ven and earth are filled with your gler - y. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

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**Lamb of God** **Gather** GIA Publications, Inc.  
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1. Je - sus, Lamb of  
 2. Je - sus, Bread of  
 3. Je - sus, Prince of  
 God,  
 Life,  
 Peace,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: have  
 Last time  
 Over: mercy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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## The Holy Communion

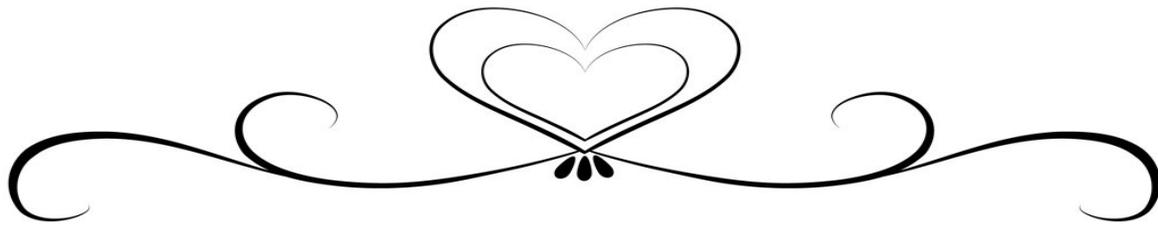
Offertory Anthem "Sing to the Lord a New Song"	St. Thomas Choir by Robert Lau.
<b>Doxology</b> , {Presentation of the People's Gifts} Praise God, from whom....." The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)	[vs. 3] H-380 p.369
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**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**  
**Congratulations to Kristina Crofut, Rob Sherry and Janet Pounds**

## PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant:	The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr.
Archdeacon:	The Venerable Keith Mackenzie
Host Clergy-Person:	The Very Rev. Shirley McWhorter
Music Director:	Barbara Conroy
EM's:	Peter Boylan
Acolyte:	Rob Sherry
Lector:	Mandy Vidusic
Prayers:	Janet Pounds
Usher(s):	Gary McWhorter
Sound System:	Gary McWhorter



All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, or you may come to the altar for a blessing. (cross your arms across your chest to indicate this)

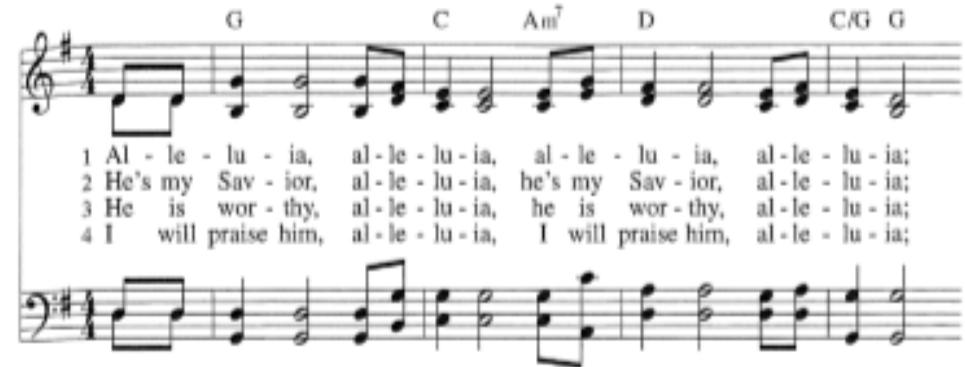
Following the service there will be a light luncheon in the Guild Hall, then at 12:30 pm join us outside in our tent for an ice cream social and unveiling/dedication of our 175th Anniversary Plaque, and opening of our Time Capsule at 1 pm. Please join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

The loose offering today will be given to The Bishop's Fund which is used to help fund unbudgeted works and projects of the Diocese, as well as emergency needs that come to the Bishop's attention. Please be generous in your giving. Checks may be made out to "The Bishop's fund."

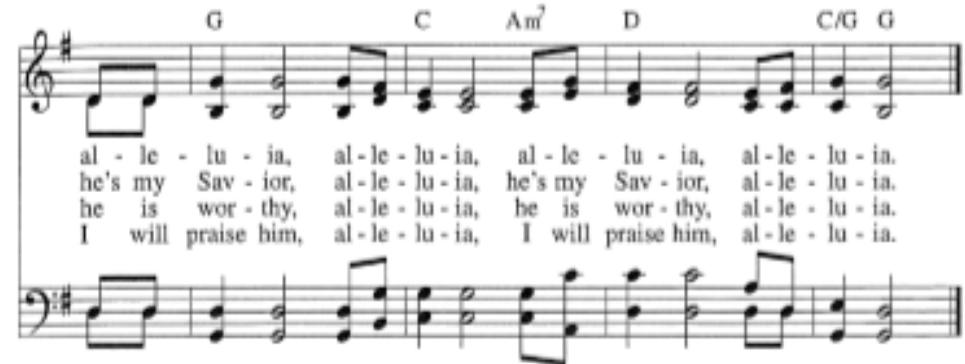
"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

## Alleluia

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;  
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;  
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;



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