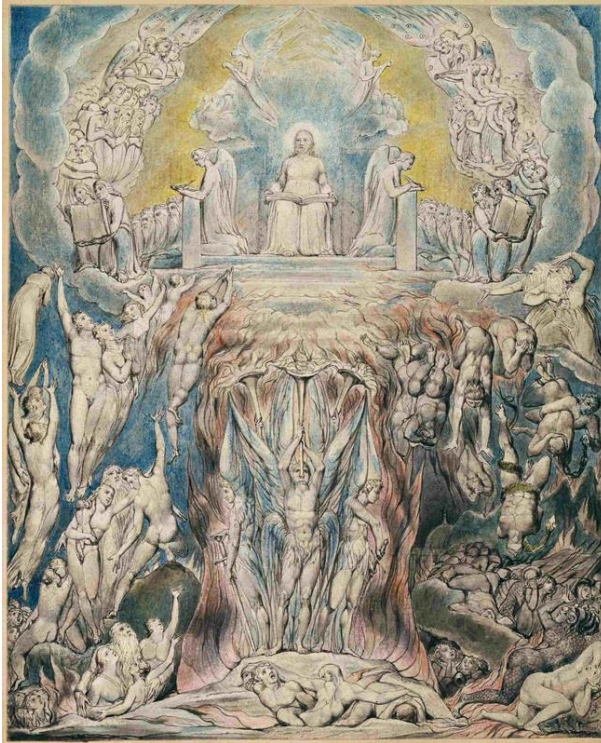


# Saint Thomas's Church

## Easter III

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



The Day of Judgement, William Blake, 1805  
Illustration for Robert Blair's poem, *The Grave*

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## Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God:*

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Alice and Henry Spencer,  
by Phil and Wade Spencer.*



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**Officiant:** Fr. Nathan Humphrey  
**Organist & Choirmaster:** Elizabeth Anderson  
**Assistant Organist & Choirmaster:** Manuel Piazza

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**VOLUNTARY** Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

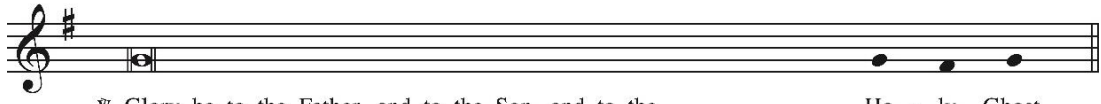
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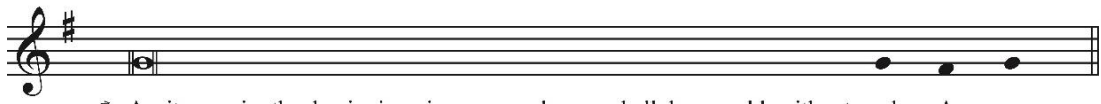
℣. O Lord, open thou our lips;   ℞. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



℣. O God, make speed to save us;   ℞. O Lord, make haste to help us.



℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the                   Ho - ly Ghost.



℞. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.   A - men.



℣. Praise ye — the Lord; —   ℞. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

*The People sit when the Officiant sits.*

**PSALM 123**

*Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

II. 1.



*Cantor* 1 UN-TO thee lift I up mine **eyes** :

*People* O thou that dwellest in **the** hea-vens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their **mas**-ters : and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of **her** mis-tress,

*Cantor* 3 Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our **God** :  
until he have mercy **up**-on us.

*People* 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy **up-on** us :  
for we are utterly **des**-pis-ed.

*Cantor* 5 Our soul is fill-ed with the scornful reproof of the **weal**-thy :  
and with the despiteful-**ness** of the proud.

*People* Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and to **the** Ho<sup>2</sup>ly Ghost;

*Cantor* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :

*People* world without **end**. A-men.

**PSALM 124**

*Nisi quia Dominus.*

V. 2.



*Cantor* 1 IF THE Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel **say** :

*People* if the Lord himself had not been on our side,

when men rose **up** a-gainst us;

2 They had swallow-ed us up a-**live** :

when they were so wrathfully dis-**pleas**-ed at us;

*Cantor* 3 Then the waters had **drown**-ed us :

and the torrent had gone **o**-ver our söl;

*People* 4 Yea, then the raging **wa**-ters : had gone even **o**-ver our söl.

*Cantor* 5 But prais-ed be the **Lord** :  
 who hath not given us over for a prey **un**-to their tēeth.  
*People* 6 Our soul is escap-ed even as a bird out of the snare of the **fow**-ler :  
 the snare is broken, and we **are** de-liv<sup>er</sup>-ēd.  
*Cantor* 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the **Lord** :  
 who hath made **hea**-ven and eārth.  
*People* Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho<sup>ly</sup> Ghöst;  
*Cantor* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
*People* world with-**out** end. A-mēn.

**PSALM 125**

*Qui confidunt.*

VII. 2.



*Cantor* 1 **THEY THAT** put their trust in the Lord are even **as** the<sup>mount</sup> Si-on :  
*People* which may not be remov-ed, but standeth **fast** for ev-ēr.  
 2 The hills stand a-**bout** Je-ru<sup>sa</sup>-lem :  
 even so standeth the Lord round about his people,  
 from this time **forth** for ev<sup>er</sup>-möre.  
*Cantor* 3 For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest upon the **lot** of<sup>the</sup>  
 righ-teous : lest the righteous put their hand **un**-to wick<sup>ed</sup>-nēss.  
*People* 4 Do well, O Lord, unto **those** that are good :  
 and unto them **that** are true<sup>of</sup> heärt.  
*Cantor* 5 As for such as turn aside to their **own** crook-ed ways :  
 the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil doers;  
 but peace be **up**-on Is<sup>ra</sup>-ēl.  
*People* Glory be to the **Fa**-ther<sup>and</sup> to<sup>the</sup> Son : and **to** the Ho<sup>ly</sup> Ghöst;  
*Cantor* As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :  
*People* world with-**out** end. A-mēn.

## FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5.1-21

The First Lesson is written the book Deuteronomy, in the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Moses convened all Israel, and said to them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. Not with our ancestors did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. (At that time I was standing between the Lord and you to declare to you the words of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. Neither shall you commit adultery. Neither shall you steal. Neither shall you bear false witness against your



and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.



*The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Canticles in C, Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

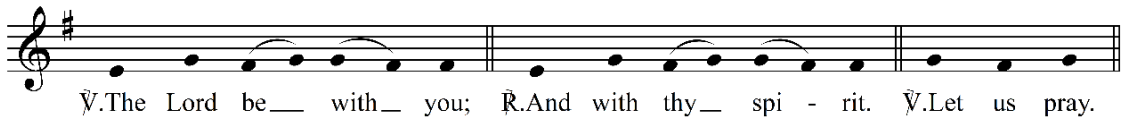
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /  
world without end. Amen.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

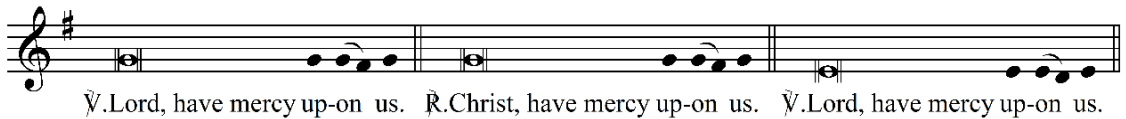
*The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

I believe in God  
**the Father Almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**  
**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**Was crucified, dead, and buried:**  
**He descended into hell;**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



*The People kneel.*



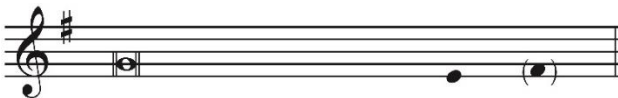
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

Our Father

**who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## THE RESPONSES



V. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;

R. And grant us thy salva-tion.

V. O Lord, save **the** King,

R. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.

V. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**-ness.

R. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

V. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

R. And bless thine inhe-**ri**-tance.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;  
Ŕ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;  
Ŕ. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

**ANTHEM**

‘The Call,’ Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my truth, my life: Such a way, as gives us breath: Such a truth, as ends all strife: Such a life, as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: such a feast, as mends in length: Such a strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move: Such a love, as none can part: Such a heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

**CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

*The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13.14*

*The People sit for the Induction of New Acolytes.*

## INDUCTION OF NEW ACOLYTES

*The Sacred Ministers, Secretary of the Guild, and Masters of Ceremonies meet the postulants, vested in Amice, Cincture, and Alb, at the Communion Rail.*

*Rector* Let those who are to be inducted as full members of the Acolytes' Guild come forward.

*Guild Secretary* Reverend Father, I present to you \_\_\_\_\_ to be inducted as full members of the Acolytes' Guild.

*Rector* Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as you are about to be entrusted with the ministry of Acolyte, consider the nature of the office whereunto you are called. It pertains to the Office of an Acolyte to assist the Priest at the very Altar of God. You bear the Light of Christ in the Sanctuary, and minister the wine and water at the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Having in mind how honourable is this ministry you are called to apply yourselves with all diligence to the framing and fashioning of your lives in a manner agreeable to the same. For you are called to carry lighted candles before the Altar, and as such you must cast away the works of darkness and walk as children of the light in your daily lives.

Moreover, Saint Paul tells us that the fruit of light is goodness, justice, and truth, and you ought, therefore, to be fervent in the pursuit of these virtues. By offering yourselves to God in this manner you will, through Christ, worthily minister wine and water for the Divine Sacrifice.

Dearly beloved, do you fully realize that the work to which you seek admission is to the honour and glory of Almighty God?

*Postulant* I do.

Do you promise, God being your helper, to be reverent in thought, word, and deed in the carrying out of your duties?

*Postulant* I do so promise.

Do you promise to keep the Rules of this Guild?

*Postulant* I do so promise.

Will you follow the guidance and direction given by due authority for the execution of your office?

*Postulan:* I will, God being my helper.

Almighty God, who has given you a good will, graciously fulfil the same in you; and in doing so, I admit you to the ministry of Acolyte as a member of the Acolytes' Guild of this parish, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*Postulant* Amen.

*The new Acolytes have their Amices pushed back from their heads while the Rector says:*

May the Lord put upon your head the helmet of salvation, that you may be defended from all assaults of the devil. Receive the white robe of innocence & may the Lord clothe you with the new being created by him in justice and true holiness.

*The new Acolytes have their Cinctures tightened while the Rector says:*

May the Lord gird you with strength and make your way perfect that you may be prepared to fight the good fight and be found ready and watching when the Son of man shall come.

*The new Acolytes have their Albs buttoned while the Rector says:*

May the Lord grant that as you have been clothed outwardly with the vestments of holy religion, you may be likewise inwardly adorned with all grace and heavenly virtue; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*They are presented with the instruments of their office.*

Receive this candle as a sign of your duty to light the House of God in the Name of the Lord.

*Postulant Amen.*

Receive this cruet as a sign of your duty to minister wine and water for the Eucharistic Sacrifice in the Name of the Lord.

*Postulant Amen.*

*The new Acolytes and the People make the following responses.*

☩. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me;

℞. **And bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.**

☩. And that I may go unto the Altar of God;

℞. **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

☩. O Lord hear our prayer;

℞. **And let our cry come unto thee.**

☩. The Lord be with you;

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, the fountain of light and source of goodness, who hast enlightened the world through thy Son Jesus Christ, the true light, and hast redeemed it through the mystery of His Passion; vouchsafe to bless these thy servants whom we have admitted to the ministry of Acolyte. Lighten their minds, we beseech thee, with the light of knowledge, and refresh them with thy loving kindness, that they may so devoutly serve at thine altar on earth, as to be counted worthy at length to worship before thy throne in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Rector welcomes the new Acolytes into the Sanctuary, saying,*

All of us, whether we serve at the altar, sing in the choir, or pray in the nave, are here to worship the living God. Therefore, as a fitting conclusion to this Induction, and as is our custom Sunday by Sunday in this House of Prayer, let us now adore the Presence of the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

*The People stand.*

**HYMN 470**

Love Divine, all loves excelling



- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, / Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, / All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion, / Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, / Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver, / Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, / Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, / Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, / Glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation, / Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation, / Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, / Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, / Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



*The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

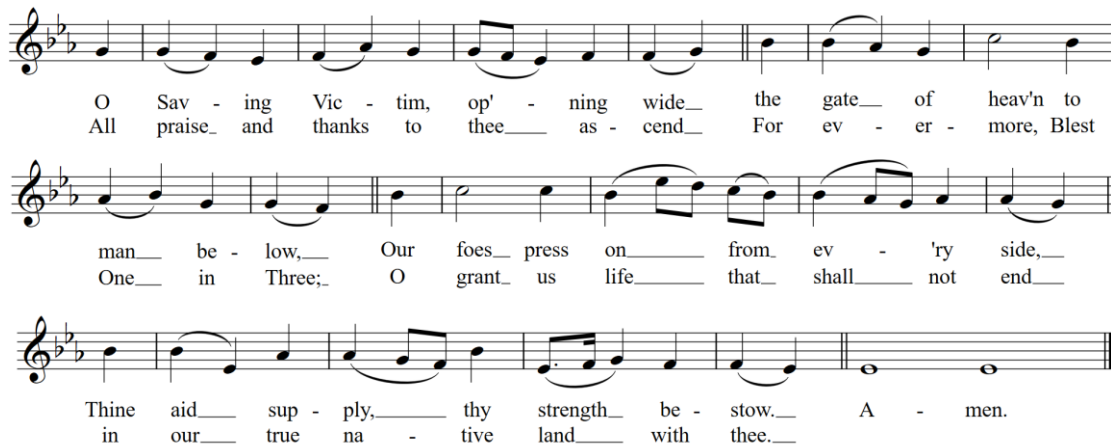
#### Hymn 237, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 35th c.

tr. E. Caswall and J.M. Neale

Hereford

S.S. Wesley, 1810-1876



O Sav - ing Vic - tim, op' - ning wide\_ the gate\_ of heav'n to  
All praise\_ and thanks to thee\_ as - cend\_ For ev - er - more, Blest

man\_ be - low,\_ Our foes\_ press on\_ from ev - 'ry side,\_  
One\_ in Three;\_ O grant\_ us life\_ that\_ shall\_ not end\_

Thine aid\_ sup - ply,\_ thy strength\_ be - stow\_ A - men.  
in our\_ true na - tive land\_ with thee\_

*Fauxbourdon for the tune Hereford by John Tuttle*

### MOTET 'I sat down under His shadow,' Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

(Song of Solomon 2.3-4)

# TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

## Hymn 234, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 35th c., tr. E. Caswall

Grafton

French, *Tantum ergo* in  
*Chants Ordinaires de l'Office Divin*, Paris 1880

There - fore we, be - fore\_ him\_ bend - ing, This great Sa - cra - ment re - vere;  
Glo - ry let us give, and\_ bless - ing To the Fa - ther and\_ the\_ Son,  
Types and sha - dows have\_ their\_ end - ing, For the new - er  
Hon - our, might, and praise\_ ad - dress - ing, While e - ter - nal  
rite\_ is\_ here;\_ Faith, our\_ out - ward sense\_ be - friend - ing,  
ag - es\_ run;\_ Ev - er\_ too his love\_ con - fess - ing,  
Makes\_ our\_ in - ward vi - sion\_ clear. A - men.  
Who\_ from\_ Both\_ with Both\_ is\_ One.

*Descant for the tune Grafton by Jenna Freudenberg*

*The People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.*

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; **Allelu-ia!**

**Containing in itself all sweetness. Allelu-ia!**

## COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*The people are blessed by the Sacrament.*

## **THE DIVINE PRAISES**

*The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

*Antiphon:*

*Cantor*

*People*



O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-wards us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ēr. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and to thē Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** end. A-men.

*All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.*

*The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

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