

Saint Thomas's Church



Feast of the Dedication

Solemn Eucharist

11:00 am Service

THE FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION

Please see the music insert for the Mass Settings, hymns, and other musical selections.

THE PROCESSION

V / LET us go forth in peace;
R / *In the Name of the LORD, Amen.*

HYMN 346 – Only begotten, Word of God eternal

- 1 ONLY-BEGOTTEN, Word of GOD eternal,
LORD of Creation, merciful and mighty,
List to thy servants, when their tuneful voices
Rise to thy presence.
- 2 Thus in our solemn Feast of Dedication,
Graced with returning rites of due devotion,
Ever thy children, year by year rejoicing,
Chant in thy temple.
- 3 Here in our sickness healing grace aboundeth,
Light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment;
Sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth,
Joy over sorrow.
- 4 Hallowed this dwelling where the LORD abideth,
This is none other than the gate of heaven;
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
Pass through its portals.
- 5 LORD, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
Smile on thy children, and with tender mercy
Hear our petitions.
- 6 GOD in THREE PERSONS, FATHER everlasting,
SON co-eternal, ever-blessèd SPIRIT,
Thine be the glory, praise and adoration,
Now and for ever.

ISTE CONFESSOR
Tr. (1884) M.J. Blacker

from the Latin, c. 9th century

At the Rood

V / Blessèd are they that dwell in thy house;
R / *They will be always praising thee.*

COLLECT

O Lord God, who bringest us year by year to the consecration day of this thy holy temple, and who ever permittest us to celebrate thy holy mysteries; hear the prayers of thy people, and grant that whosoever entereth this temple to ask any blessing of thee, may joyfully obtain every petition; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Procession continues.

HYMN 348 – Christ is made the sure Foundation

- 1 CHRIST is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.
- 2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.
- 3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.
- 5 Laud and honour to the FATHER,
Laud and honour to the SON,
Laud and honour to the SPIRIT,
Ever THREE and ever ONE,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

Please kneel as the choir sings:

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christi Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please stand as the choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.***

The Celebrant greets the people

V / The Lord be with you;

R / ***And with thy spirit.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O most blessed Saviour, who didst vouchsafe thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication: Be present with us at this time by thy Holy Spirit, and so possess our souls by thy grace, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8.22-23,27-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee this day; that thy eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive."

V / The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

PSALM: 84.1-7—*Quam dilecta! Tone I.2*



- 1 O how lovely are thy **dwel**-lings : (-) thou Lörd of hösts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of **the**
Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice **in** the li-ving Göd.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay **her** young :
even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my **King** and mÿ Göd.
- 4 Blessèd are they that dwell in **thy** house :
they will be **al**-way präis-ing thëe.
- 5 Blessèd are the men whose strength is **in** thee :
in whose heart **are** the pîl-grim wäys.
- 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well :
yea, the early rain covereth **it** with blëss-ings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength :
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of **them** in Sî-ön.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2.1-5,9-10

Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speaking, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; if so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is good; to whom ye come, as unto a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious. Ye also, as living stones, are built up into a spiritual house, to be an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God through Jesus Christ. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light; which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which once had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

V / The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 347 - Blessèd city, heavenly Salem

- Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And, with angel-hosts encircled,
As a bride doth earthward move;
- 2 From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round thee shed,
Meet for him whose love espoused thee,
To thy Lord shalt thou be led;
All thy streets and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashionèd.
- 3 Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And by virtue of his merits
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.
- 4 Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That his palace should be decked.

- 5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

Urbs Beata Latin, c 7th century

Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-1866

GOSPEL: Matthew 21.12-16

R / *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple; and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold doves; and he said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. And when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children shouting in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yea: have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

V / The Gospel of Christ.

R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HOMILY

OFFERTORY SENTENCE - Psalm 96.8

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Please stand

The gifts of the people are collected and brought to the High Altar. Please give generously, as God enables you; this church and its mission depends upon the gifts of people like you.

Please sit at the conclusion of the hymn, and stand again as the thurifer approaches for the incensing.

OFFERTORY HYMN

(please see music sheet)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth; accept, we beseech Thee, our offerings this day; and grant that in this place, set apart to Thy Glory and Service, Thy holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NB: This Collect was used at the Dedication of the church January 17, 1893

You are welcome to stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.

INTERCESSIONS

V / Lord in thy mercy

R / *we beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We are not worthy, O Lord, to enter into thy presence. But Thou, Lord, art merciful, and full of compassion. Because holiness becometh thine House forever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SURSUM CORDA

V / The Lord be with you;

R / *And with thy spirit.*

V / Lift up your hearts;

R / *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

R / *It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things;

In whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel as the choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he

took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Merbecke*

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated bread is broken

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you:

R / *And with thy spirit.*

All who intend to receive Communion then say together this prayer of humble access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

The choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

(please see music sheet)

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

For courtesy, please remain in place until the person beside you has received his or her Communion.

MOTET

(please see music sheet)

Please kneel or be seated for the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise thee for the many blessings thou hast given to those who worship here; and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee, and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

(please see music sheet)