

Saint Thomas's Church
The Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022
Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



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Chora Church, Istanbul

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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



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Officiant: Fr. Hannam
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

VOLUNTARY: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Johannes Brahms

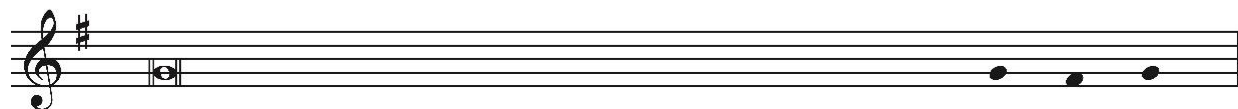
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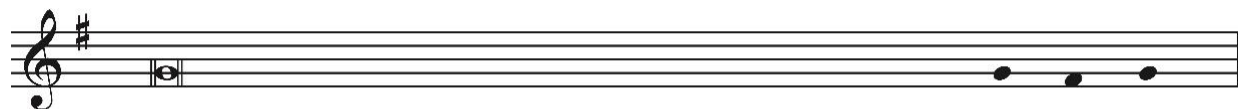
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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



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



V. Praise ye — the Lord; — R. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The people sit when the officiant sits.

PSALM 13



- Cantor* 1 HOW LONG wilt thou forget me, O **Lord**, for ev-er? :
- People* how long wilt thou hide **thy** face from me?
- 2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so **vex-ed** in my heart? :
- how long shall mine enemy **tri-umph** ov-er me?
- Cantor* 3 Consider and hear **me**, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep **not** in death;
- People* 4 Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevail-**ed** a-against him' : for if I be cast down, they that trouble **me** will re-joyce.

Cantor 5 But my trust is **in** thy mer-cy : and my heart is joyful in thy **sal**-va-tion.

People 6 I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so **lov**-ing^{ly} with me : yea, I will praise the Name of **the** Lord Most[^]High.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, **and** to the Son : and to **the** Ho-ly[^]Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world without **end**. A-men.

PSALM 14

IV. 6.



Cantor 1 THE FOOL hath said **in** his heart :

People 'There is no **God**.'

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable **in** their do-ings : there is none that doeth good, no not **one**.

Cantor 3 The Lord look-ed down from heaven upon the chil-**dren** of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after **God**.

People 4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become a-**bom**-in`-a-ble : there is none that doeth good, no not **one**.

Cantor 5 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such work-**ers** of mis-chief : eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the **Lord**?

People 6 There were they brought in great fear, even where **no** fear was : for God is in the generation of the righ-**teous**.

Cantor 7 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel **of** the poor : because he putteth his trust in the **Lord**.

People 8 O that salvation for Israel were come **out** of Si-on! : When the Lord restoreth the fortunes of his peo-**ple**,

Cantor 9 Then shall Ja-**cob** re-joyce : and Israel shall be right **glad**.

People Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : and to the Holy **Ghost**;

Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 26.1-13

The First Lesson is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace - in peace because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock. For he has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city he lays low. He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.

The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous. In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the soul's desire. My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. If favour is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness they deal perversely and do not see the majesty of the Lord. O Lord, your hand is lifted up, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed. Let the fire for your adversaries consume them. O Lord, you will ordain peace for us, for indeed, all that we have done, you have done for us. O Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but we acknowledge your name alone.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, *Thomas Tallis*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; /

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; /

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 1.12 - 2.8

The second Lesson is written in St. Paul's first epistle to Timothy, in the first chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fauxbourdons, *Thomas Tallis*

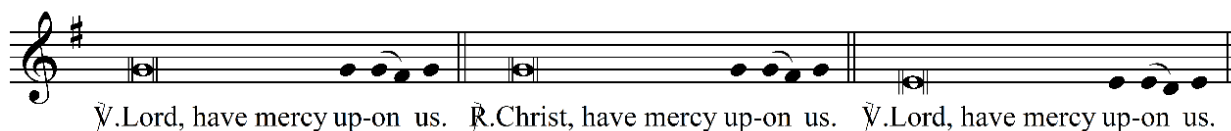
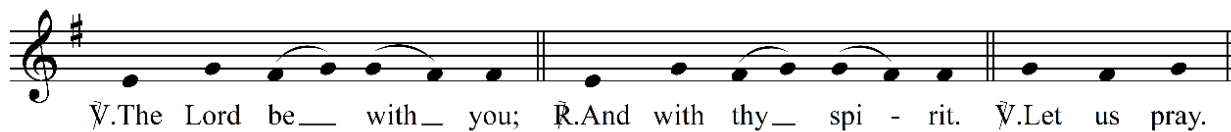
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and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



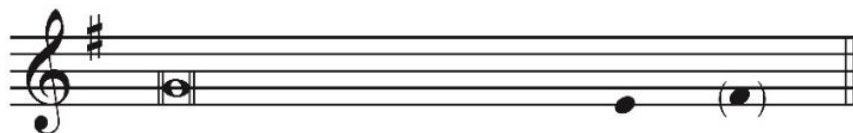
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

Ŕ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

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

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

Ÿ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

Ŕ. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **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.**

AN ADVENT PROSE

Rorate Coeli


Mode i

Antiphon *Cantor*




Drop down, ye heav'ns from__ a - bove, *

All



and let the skies pour__ down righ - teous - ness.

Verse 1
Lower Voices




Be not wroth ve - ry sore, O Lord, nei - ther re - mem - ber



in - i - qui - ty for ev - er: thy ho - ly ci - ties are a wild - er - ness,

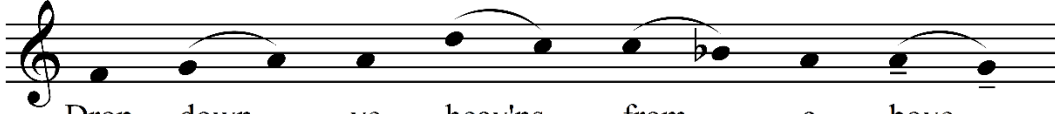


Zi - on is__ a wil - der - ness. Je - ru - sa - lem a de - so - la - tion:

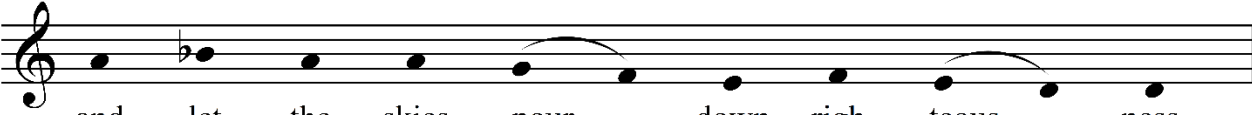


our ho - ly and our beau - ti - ful house,__ where our fa - thers prais - ed thee.

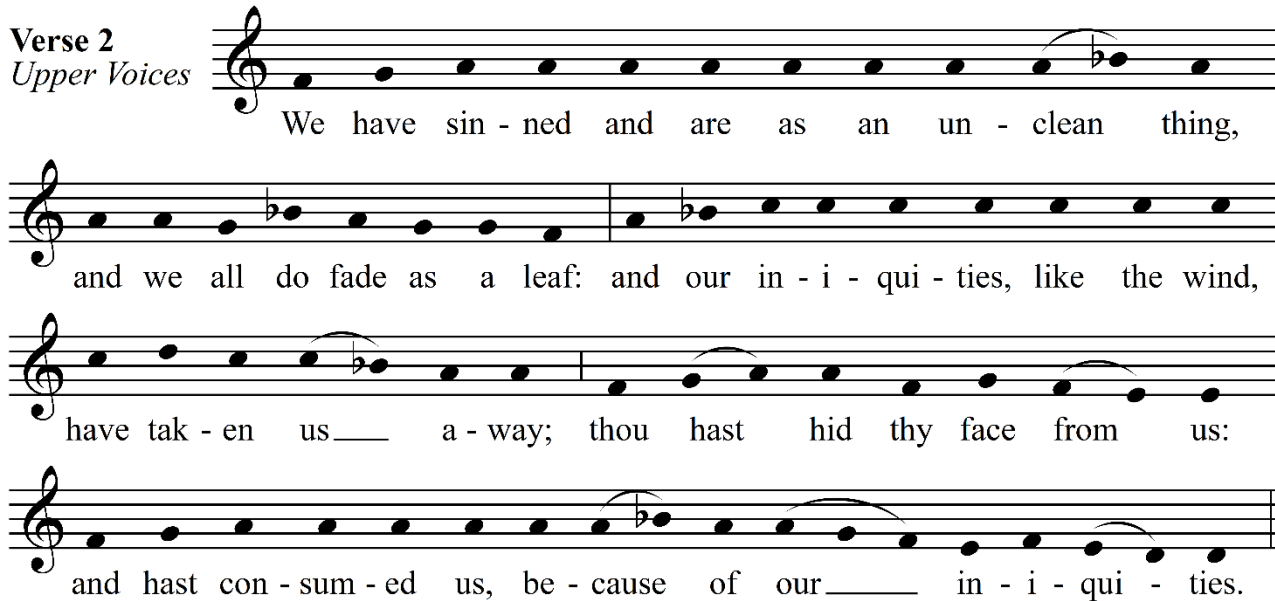
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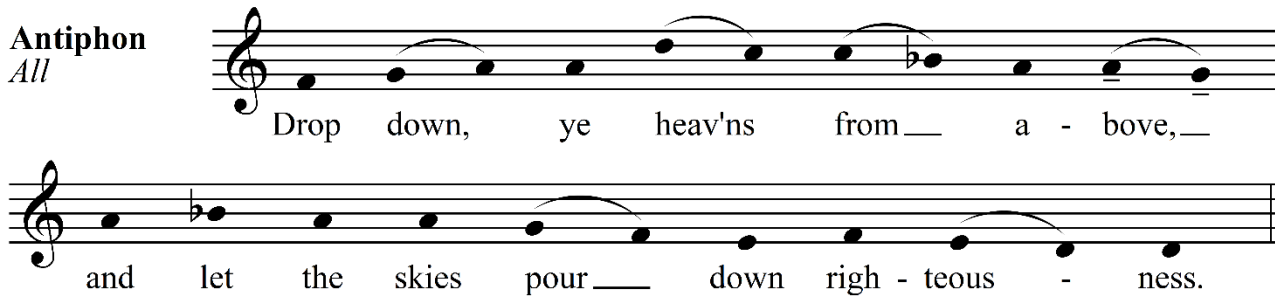
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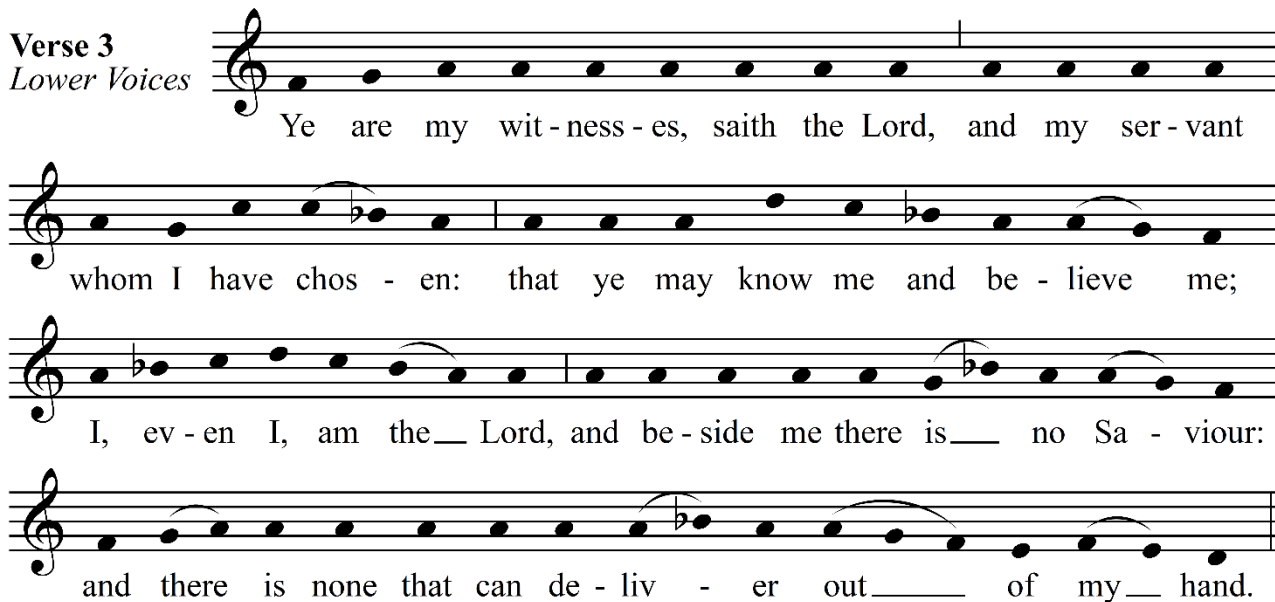
and let the skies pour__ down righ - teous - ness.

Verse 2*Upper Voices*


We have sin - ned and are as an un - clean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf: and our in - i - qui - ties, like the wind,
have tak - en us ___ a - way; thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast con - sum - ed us, be - cause of our ___ in - i - qui - ties.

Antiphon*All*


Drop down, ye heav'ns from ___ a - bove, ___
and let the skies pour ___ down righ - teous - ness.

Verse 3*Lower Voices*


Ye are my wit - ness - es, saith the Lord, and my ser - vant
whom I have chos - en: that ye may know me and be - lieve me;
I, ev - en I, am the ___ Lord, and be - side me there is ___ no Sa - viour:
and there is none that can de - liv - er out ___ of my ___ hand.

Antiphon

All



Drop down, ye heav'ns from__ a - bove,__



and let the skies pour__ down righ - teous - ness.

Verse 4

Upper Voices



Com - fort ye, com - fort ye my peo - ple, my sal - va - tion



shall not tar - ry: I have blot - ted out as__ a thick cloud



thy trans - gres - sions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I__ am



the Lord thy God, the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, thy Re - deem - er.

Antiphon

All



Drop down, ye heav'ns from__ a - bove,__



and let the skies pour__ down righ - teous - ness.

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

HYMN 59 – The Advent of our King

- 1 The Advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The Everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on,
To set his servants free.

- 3 Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.
- 4 As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And his true members all unite
With him in heaven to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone;
The old man all be put away,
The new man all put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

S^t THOMAS
A. Williams's New Universal Psalmodist, 1770

Tr. (1837) from C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

S^t VENANTIUS

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

МОТЕТ: Bogoróditse Ā́vo, Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Богородице Дево, радуйся, благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою. Благословена ты в женах, и благословен плод чрева твоего, яко Спаса родила еси душ наших.

Bogoróditse Ā́vo, raduysiá, Blagodátnaya Mariye, Ghospód s Tobóyu Blagoslovénna Ti v zhenáh, i blagoslovén Plod chréva Tvoyegó, yáko Spása rodilá yesi dush náshih.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of Thy womb, for Thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

AD PERENNIS VITAE FONTEM

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

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

Thou gavest them Bread from hea-ven;
Containing in itself all sweet-ness.

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.**

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People



Let_ us_ a - dore Christ our Lord, in the most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment.



Tone VI

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

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

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë 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.