

# Saint Thomas's Church

## The Naming of Jesus

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Sung Mass at 11 o'clock



The circumcision of Jesus in the Temple, c. 1400  
Wall painting in Tuse Church, Denmark

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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

*Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion, indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.*

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

*Those on the High Altar in memory of Ernie & Betty Jesshope and George & Jean Cushing;  
and*

*Those at the Lady Altar in loving memory of Sarah and Harold Millar,  
by their granddaughter Charis Kelso.*

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**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Ipema  
**Reader:** David Kent  
**Interim Director of Music & Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

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**MUSIC OF THE MASS:** *Missa VIII de Angelis*

*Throughout this booklet, the People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.*

**VOLUNTARY:** O blessed day when first was poured, *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

*The People stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.*

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN 86** – Jesus, Name of wondrous love!

- 1 Jesus, Name of wondrous love!  
Name all other names above!  
Unto which must every knee  
Bow in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus, Name decreed of old;  
To the maiden Mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell,  
By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus, Name of priceless worth  
To the fallen sons of earth,  
For the promise that it gave –  
'Jesus shall his people save.'
- 4 Jesus, Name of mercy mild,  
Given to the Holy Child,  
When the cup of human woe  
First he tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus, only name that's given  
Under all the mighty heaven,  
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,  
Bursts his fetters and is saved.
- 6 Jesus, Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above!  
Pleading only this we flee,  
Helpless, O our God, to thee.

*The People kneel.*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Choir alone sings the Kyrie, the People kneeling.*

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.

*Please stand.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Missa de Angelis*

*Celebrant* *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty.  
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
re - ceive our \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,  
have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art\_ ho - ly; thou on - ly\_ art the Lord;  
thou on - ly,\_\_\_ O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art\_\_\_ most\_\_\_ high  
in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er.\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ men.\_\_\_\_

*The People remain kneeling for the Collect.*

## COLLECTS OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O immortal Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

**FIRST LESSON: Numbers 6.22-27**

The First Lesson is written in the sixth chapter of the book of Numbers, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

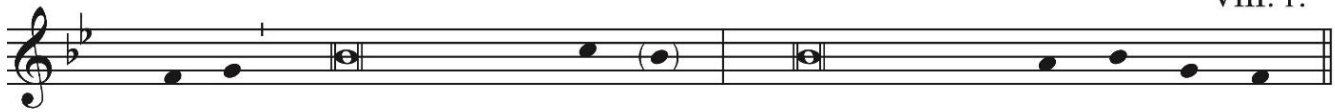
**Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm.*

**PSALM: 8**

*Domine, Dominus noster*

VIII. 1.



- Cantor* 1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the **world** :  
*People* thou that hast set thy glory a-**bove** the hea-vens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordain-ed strength,  
because of thine **en-e**-mies : that thou mightest still the enemy and **the a**-  
veng-er.
- Cantor* 3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy **fin**-gers : the moon  
and the stars, which thou **hast** or-dain-ed;
- People* 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of **him** : and the son of man, that thou  
**vi**-si-test him?
- Cantor* 5 Thou hast made him but little lower than the **an**-gels : and dost crown him  
with glo-ry and wor-ship.
- People* 6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy **hands** : and  
thou hast put all things in subjection **un**-der his feet;
- Cantor* 7 All sheep and **ox**-en : yea, and the **beasts** of the field;
- People* 8 The birds of the air, and the fishes of the **sea** : and whatsoever moveth  
through the **paths** of the seas.
- Cantor* 9 O Lord our **Go**-vern<sup>er</sup> :  
*People* how excellent is thy **Name** in all the <sup>^</sup>world!

## THE EPISTLE: Galatians 4.4-7

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Galatians, beginning at the fourth verse.

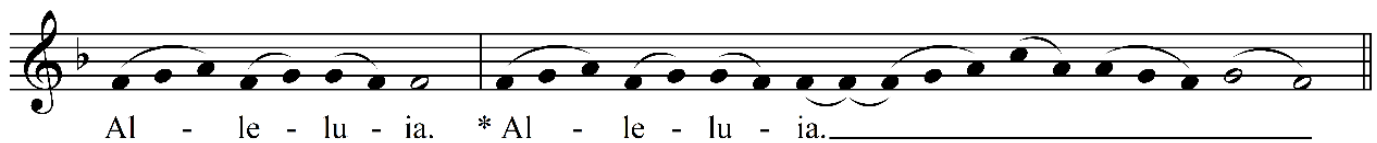
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia. Alleluia. God spoke of old by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. \* Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2.15-21

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



*The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## SERMON

*The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Missa de Angelis*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

I be-lieve in one God the Fath-er Al-migh-ty, Mak-er of hea-ven and earth,  
And of all things vis-ible and in-vis-ible:  
And in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God,  
Be-got-ten of the Fath-er be-fore all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;  
Ve-ry God, of Ve-ry God; Be-got-ten not made; Be-ing of one sub-stance  
with the Fath-er; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men  
and for our sal-va-tion came down from hea-ven, And was in-car-nate by  
the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, And was made man,  
And was cru-ci-fi-ed al-so for us un-der Pon-tius Pi-late.  
He suf-fer-ed and was bu-ri-ed, And the third day he rose a-gain



ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - - - ven,

And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fath - er. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry

to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.

And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, The Giv - er of Life,

Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fath - er and the Son, Who with the Fath - er and the Son

to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed, Who spake by the Pro - - - phets.

And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic, and A - po - sto - lic Church.

I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for

the Re - sur - rec - tion of \_\_\_ the dead, And the \_\_\_ Life of the world to \_\_\_ come.

A - - - - - men.

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Brethren, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

*The People remain standing for the hymn.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 357 – At the Name of Jesus**

- 1 At the Name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.
- 2 At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season  
To receive a Name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it,  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious,  
When from death he passed:
- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height;  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.
- 5 Name him, brothers, name him,  
With love as strong as death,  
But with awe and wonder,  
And with bated breath;  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.

6 In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
Crown him as your Captain  
In temptation's hour;  
Let his will enfold you  
In its light and power.

7 Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
With his Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*KING'S WESTON*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

*Caroline M. Noel, 1870*

*The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.*

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

*The People kneel. The celebrant turns to face the people, and bids the intercessions.*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer for \_\_\_\_\_, according to the Diocesan prayer cycle for \_\_\_\_\_, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the King and for all in civil authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ [We give thanks especially for \_\_\_\_\_.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick \_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked \_\_\_\_\_. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Hear our humble prayer that we may serve thee in holiness and faith and give voice to thy presence amongst us until the day of the coming of thy Son, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.




**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.**

*The Celebrant alone stands to impart the 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.**

*The People remain kneeling.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The___ Lord be___ with___ you; And___ with thy___ spi - rit.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift___ up your hearts; We lift___ them up un - to___ the Lord.___	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us___ give___ thanks un - to___ our Lord God; 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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

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

*The Choir alone sings:*

### **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
† Blessed is he that cometh  
in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
† Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*The Celebrant continues,*

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,

*Celebrant* *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out \_\_\_ end. A - men. \_\_\_

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Music by John Merbecke*

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

*People*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us;

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - li - ver us from ev - il.

For thine is the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, For ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## FRACTION & PEACE

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The 'Celebrant' part consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The 'People' part consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The lyrics are: 'The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you. And with thy spi - rit.'

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

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.**

*The Choir alone sings:*

## AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.*

*Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.*

*If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.*

*If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!*

## COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

*An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:*

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

## ANIMA CHRISTI

*The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

**MOTET:** A great and mighty wonder, *Michael Prætorius (1571-1621)*

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure: *Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men."* The Word becomes incarnate, and yet remains on high; and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky; *Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men."* While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands, rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans, clap your hands: *Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men."* Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored, the infant born in Bethl'em, the Saviour and the Lord: *Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men."* And idol forms shall perish, And error shall decay, And Christ shall wield His sceptre, Our Lord and God for ay. *Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men."*

*The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.*

**HYMN 490** – How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

- 1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build!  
My shield and hiding-place!  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace!
- 4 Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy Name  
Refresh my soul in death!

*S<sup>T</sup> PETER*  
*A.R. Reinagle, 1836*

*Rev. John Newton, 1779*

*The People kneel.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son didst humble himself to share our birth and our death, and who ever permittest us in these holy mysteries to draw near with gladness unto his holy Nativity: Bring us with the shepherds and wise men to kneel before his lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with thine angels his glorious praises in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his light and peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CONCLUDING HYMN 377 – O for a thousand tongues to sing**

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus – the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He speaks – and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy Name.

*RICHMOND*  
*Adapted from T. Haweis by S. Webbe (the younger)*

*Rev. Charles Wesley, 1740*

*The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.*

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