

Saint Thomas's Church
The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 7, 2024
High Mass at 11:00 am



The Baptism of Christ, Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci, 1472-1475
The Uffizi Gallery, Florence

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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, though we hope you will avail yourself of **coffee hour in the parish hall** following this service, if possible. 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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Celebrant: Fr. Nathan Humphrey
Deacon: Fr. Theo Ipema
Homilist: The Rev'd Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Reader: Janet Nichols
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS Missa 'Ad praesepe,' George Malcolm (1917-1977)

VOLUNTARY Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Johann Pachelbel (1643-1706)

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

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came



All 1 The sinless one to Jordan came
 And in the river shared our stain;
 God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,
 And chose the path his Father willed.

Lower 2 Uprising from the waters there,
Voices The voice from heav'n true witness bare
 That Christ, the Son of God, had come
 To lead his scattered people home.

Upper 3 Above him see the heav'nly Dove,
Voices The sign of God the Father's love,
 Now by the Holy Spirit shed
 Upon the Son's anointed head.

Lower 4 How blest that mission then begun
Voices To heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people's foes.

Upper 5 O Christ, your sons baptized from sin,
Voices Go forth with you a world to win;
Grant them the Holy Spirit's pow'r
To shield them in temptation's hour.

All 6 On you may all your people feed,
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS
Paris Gradual, 1685

G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

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.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

The People stand. The choir alone sings the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in ✠ gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

The People remain standing for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1.1-5

The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the book Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

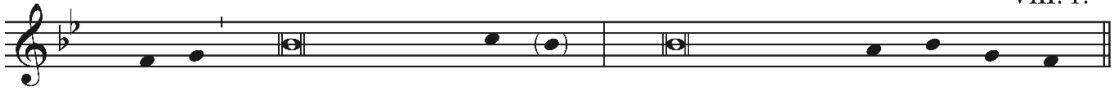
Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 29

Afferte Domino

VIII. 1.



- Cantor* 1 A-SCRIBE unto the Lord, O ye **migh**-ty :
People ascribe unto the Lord **wor**-ship and strength.
- 2 Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his **Name** :
worship the Lord with **ho**-ly wor-ship.
- Cantor* 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the **wa**-ters :
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder,
even the Lord upon **ma**-ny wa-ters.
- People* 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in oper-a-tion :
the voice of the Lord **is** a glo-rious^voice.
- Cantor* 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the **ce**-dar^trees :
yea, the Lord breaketh the **ce-dars** of Le-ba^non.
- People* 6 He maketh Lebanon to skip like a **calf** : and Sirion **like** a young ox.
- Cantor* 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire ;
the voice of the Lord shaketh the **wil**-der^ness :
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilder-**ness** of Ka-desh.
- People* 8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,
and strippeth bare the **for**-ests :
in his temple doth every thing speak **of** his hon-our.
- Cantor* 9 The Lord sitteth above the **wa**-ter^flood :
and the Lord remaineth a **King** for ev-er.
- People* 10 The Lord shall give strength unto his **peo**-ple :
the Lord shall give his people the **bles**-sing of peace.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 19.1-7

The Second Lesson is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you

baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor Al - le - lu - ia. * *People* Al - le - lu - ia. _____
Cantor A VOICE came from heaven, say-ing : “This is my below-ed Son with whom I am well-please-ed” *Tone VI*

Cantor A VOICE came from heaven, say-ing : “This is my below-ed Son with whom I am well-please-ed”

The People repeat the Alleluia from the asterisk.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1.4-11

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the fourth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth

of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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 - - - i - ble and in - vis - - - i - ble:
 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.



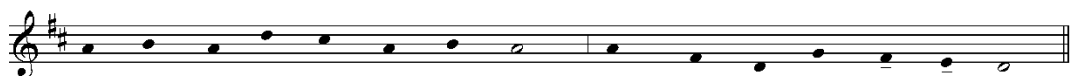
He suf - fer - ed and was bu - - - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain



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



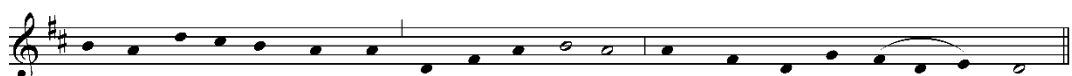
to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.



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

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 96

Songs of thankfulness and praise

All 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Upper 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Voices Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

All 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Lower 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Voices Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

All 5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy Word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany;
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

SALZBURG
Jakob Hintze (1678)

Bishop Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

The People stand 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

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



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef. The staff is divided into two sections by a double bar line. The first section is labeled 'Intercessor' and contains five notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The second section is labeled 'People' and contains seven notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: 'Lord, in thy mer - cy, we be - seech thee, hear our prayer.'

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him 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 the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places we now name, silently or aloud. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. (*Silence.*)

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. (*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, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for _____.] And for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____. 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 for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; 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, rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

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

Celebrant: O Lord God, thou revealedst thy Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in thy holy name. **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

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the left part is labeled 'Celebrant' and the right part is labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.' The second staff is also divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord.' The third staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks unto 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

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.

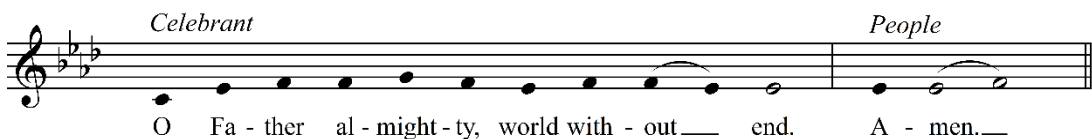
The Celebrant continues,

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,



The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The notation is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The 'Celebrant' part consists of a series of quarter notes: O, Fa, ther, al, might, ty, world, with, out, end. The 'People' part consists of a single half note: A, men.


Celebrant *People*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER


Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant

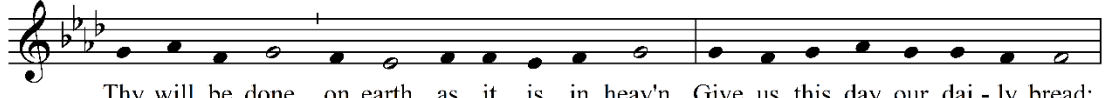


And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

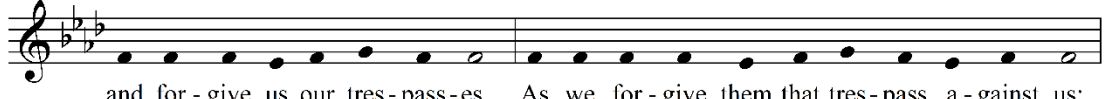
People




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



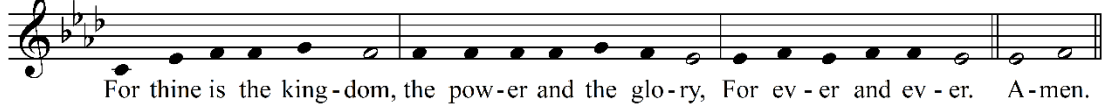
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;



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


A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People



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 sin of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin 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 sin 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 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

I saw the spirit, Matthew Larkin (b. 1963)

I saw the spirit descending as a dove: and he remained on him. I have seen that this is the Lamb of God. I saw the spirit descending as a dove.

John 1.32,34

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 98

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

- 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
- 5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

UTTINGEN
from the Rheinhardt MSS, Uttingen, 1754

Rev. J.S.B. Monsell, 1863

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst 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 479

Spirit Divine, attend our prayers

All 1 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come.

Upper 2 Come as the light; to us reveal
Voices Our emptiness and woe:
And lead us in those paths of life,
Where all the righteous go.

Lower 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts
Voices Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's Name.

All 4 Come as the dew, and sweetly bless
This consecrated hour;
May barrenness rejoice to own
Thy fertilizing power.

All 5 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come.

GRÄFENBURG
Johann Crüger, 1653

Rev. Andrew Reed, 1829

VOLUNTARY

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam,
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.

Coffee Hour follows this service in the Parish Hall.

Please join us at 5:00 pm for our Procession with Epiphany Carols during the course of Evensong & Benediction. This service will be followed by a small reception.

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God.
In memory of Robert Gordon and Kathryn Wilma Alice Gordon, and their children
Kathryn Alice Agnes Gordon Tulk and Roberta Holmes Gordon McEachern;
and
Those at the Lady Altar in loving memory of Sarah and Harold Millar,
by their granddaughter Charis Kelso.*

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