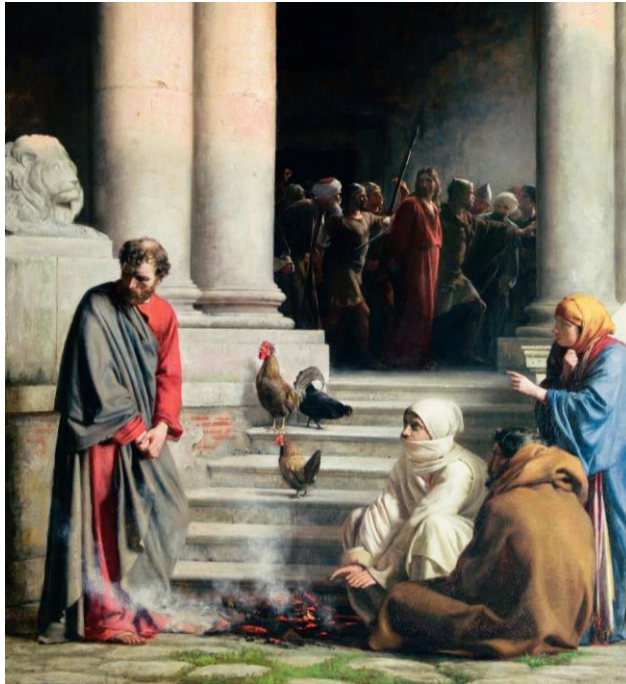


Saint Thomas's Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



The Denial of Peter, Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1865
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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. Shire
Homilist: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer
Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

VOLUNTARY O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

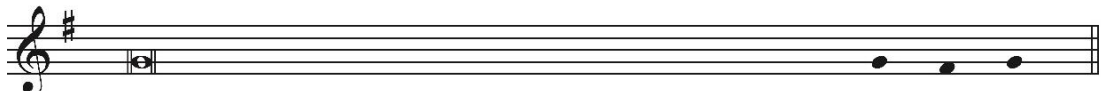
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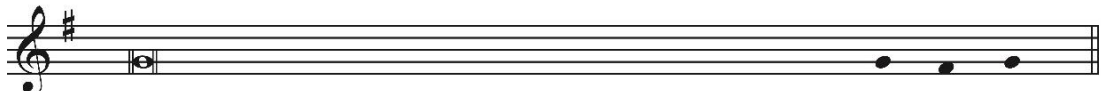
∿. O Lord, open thou our lips; ℞. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



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



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



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



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

The People sit when the Choir sits.

PSALM 55. *Exaudi, Deus.*

I. 8.



- Cantor* 1 HEAR MY prayer, **O** God :
People and hide not thyself from **my** pe-ti-tion.
2 Take heed unto me, and **hear** me : how I mourn in my prayer, **and**
am vex-ed.
- Cantor* 3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on **so** fast : for they
are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they **set**
a-gäinst me.
- People* 4 My heart is disquieted with-**in** me : and the terrors of death are fall-**en**
up-ön me.
- Cantor* 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come up-**on** me : and an horrible
dread hath **o**-ver-whelm-ed me.
- People* 6 And I said, 'O that I had wings like **a** dove! : for then would I fly
a-**way**, and bë at rest.
- Cantor* 7 Lo, then would I get me away **far** off : and abide **in** the wil-der-ness.
People 8 I would make haste to find me a **shel**-ter : from the stormy **wind** and
tëmp-est.'
- Cantor* 9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and di-**vide** them : for I have spi-ed
violence and strife **in** the cï-ty.
- People* 10 Day and night they go about it, upon the walls **there**-of : iniquity
also and mischief are **in** the mïdst of it.
- Cantor* 11 Wickedness is **there**-in : oppression and guile go not **out** of hër
streets.
- People* 12 For it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dis-**hon**-our : for
then I **could** have börne it;
- Cantor* 13 Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself a-**gainst** me :
for then I would have **hid** my-sëlf from him.
- People* 14 But it was even thou, my com-**pan**-ion : my guide, and mine **own**
fa-mil-iar friend.
- Cantor* 15 We took sweet counsel to-**geth**-er : and walk-ed in the **house** of Göd
as friends.
- People* 16 As for me, I will call up-**on** God : and the **Lord** shall säve me.

- Cantor* 17 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that in-**stant**-ly : and **he** shall hear my[^]voice.
- People* 18 He hath deliver-ed my soul in peace from the battle that was a-**gainst** me : for there were ma-**ny** that ströve with[^]me.
- Cantor* 19 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring **them** down : for they will not **turn**, nor feär God.
- People* 20 He laid his hands upon such as were at peace **with** him : and he **brake** his cö-ve[^]nant.
- Cantor* 21 His speech was smoother than butter, yet war was in **his** heart : his words were softer than oil, yet **be** they vë-ry[^]swords.
- People* 22 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall up-**hold** thee : and shall not suffer the righteous to be mov-**ed** for ëv-er.
- Cantor* 23 But as for them, thou, O God, shalt bring **them** down : into the pit **of** des-trüc-tion.
- People* 24 The bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half **their** days : but my trust **shall** be in thee.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly[^]Ghost;
- People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end. Ä-men.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 24.1-28

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

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac." The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send

his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aramnaharaim, to the city of Nahor. He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was toward evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. Let the girl to whom I shall say, ‘Please offer your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’ - let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, coming out with her water jar on her shoulder. The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me sip a little water from your jar.” “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.”

So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, and said, “Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” She added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder and a place to spend the night.” The man bowed his head and worshipped the Lord and

said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the way to the house of my master’s kin.”

Then the girl ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760)

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 Mark 14.53-end

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Mark, in the fourteenth chapter, beginning at the fifty-third verse.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave

false testimony against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fauxbourdons, Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760)

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 be___ with___ you; ♩.And with thy___ spi - rit. ♩.Let us pray.



♩.Lord, have mercy up-on us. ♩.Christ, have mercy up-on us. ♩.Lord, have mercy up-on us.

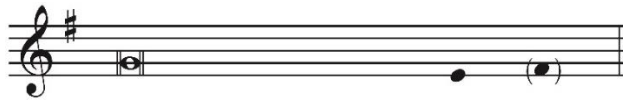
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SEASONAL COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

A LENTEN PROSE

Fauxbourdons, Matthew Larkin (b. 1963)

Refrain

Cantor *All*

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:

for we have sin - ned a - gainst___ thee.

Verse 1

Lower Voices

To thee, re - deem - er,___ on thy throne of glo - ry:

lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:

lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.

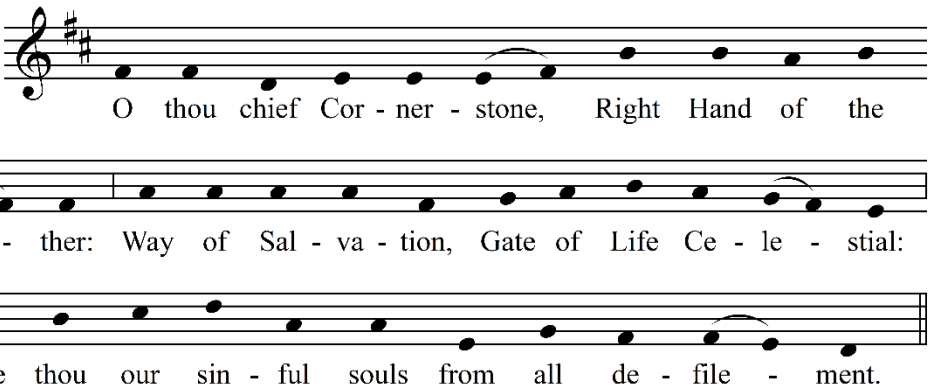
Refrain

All

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:

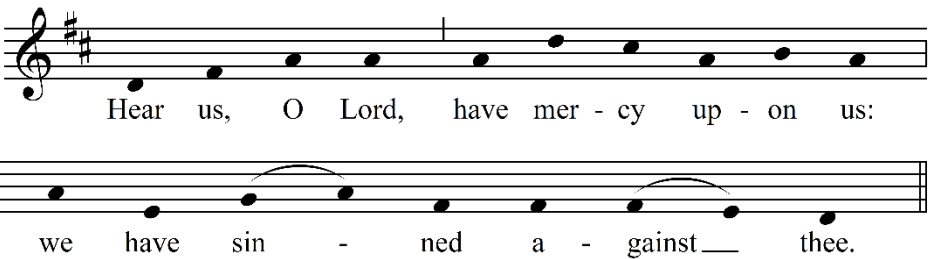
for we have sin - ned a - gainst___ thee.

Verse 2
Upper Voices



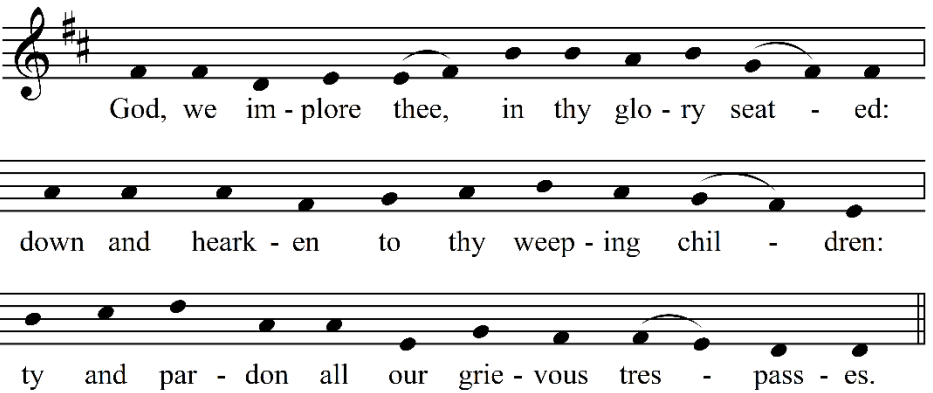
O thou chief Cor - ner - stone, Right Hand of the
Fa - ther: Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of Life Ce - le - stial:
cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all de - file - ment.

Refrain
All



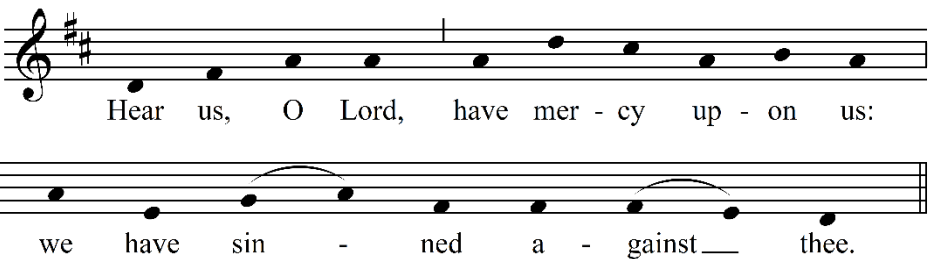
Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:
for we have sin - ned a - gainst_ thee.

Verse 3
Lower Voices



God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
bow down and heark - en to thy weep - ing chil - dren:
pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vous tres - pass - es.

Refrain
All



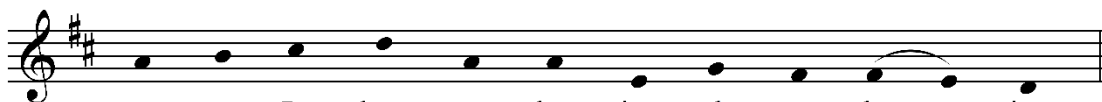
Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:
for we have sin - ned a - gainst_ thee.

Verse 4*Upper Voices*

Sins oft com - mit - ted__ now we lay be - fore thee:



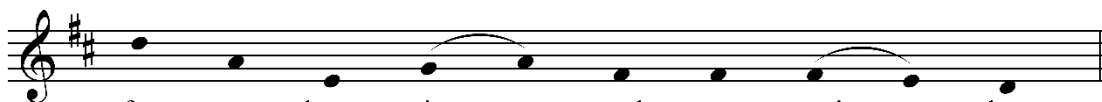
with true con - tri - tion, now no more we veil__ them:



grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.

Refrain*All*

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sin - ned a - gainst__ thee.

Verse 5*Lower Voices*

In - no - cent, cap - tive, tak - en un - re - sist - ing:



false - ly ac - cused, and for us sin - ners sen - tenced,



save us, we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

Refrain*All*

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sin - ned a - gainst__ thee.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

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

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

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

THE GRACE

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

2 Corinthians 13.14

The People sit.

HOMILY

HYMN 116 – Giver of the perfect gift

- 1 Giver of the perfect gift,
Only Hope of human race,
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift
Trembling at thy throne of grace.
- 2 Though the accusing voice within
Speaks of many a wrong to thee,
Thou canst cleanse from every sin,
Thou canst set the conscience free.
- 3 Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power;
Lo, we plead thy promise now,
Now, in this the accepted hour.
- 4 Oh! may these our Lenten days,
Blest by thee, with thee be passed,
That with purer, nobler praise
We may keep thy Feast at last.
- 5 God the Holy Trinity,
Grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee
Through the ages evermore.

Song 13
Orlando Gibbons, 1623

Tr (1871) from the Latin (c. 11th Cent.) by Rev. J. Ellerton

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

VERBUM SUPERNUM

- 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.

MOTET Remember not, Lord, our offences, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever. Spare us, good Lord.

(Collect from The Great Litany, BCP)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

PANGE LINGUA

- 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



Tone VI



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

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

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

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

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

THE REV. CANON CHERYL PALMER began her incumbency as the Rector of Christ Church Deer Park on January 1, 2018.

Immediately prior to the commencement of that appointment she was the Director of Cemetery Ministries at the Anglican Church of St. John's Norway in the Beach for over five years. Most of Cheryl's ministry as parish priest was lived out as rector of St. Clement's Anglican Church in North Toronto for ten years, and Associate priest there for the six previous years. Cheryl's priestly ministry to the people of God has been in a number of interesting settings, including the Hospital for Sick Children, where she was the Anglican Chaplain, during which time she was an Honorary Assistant at Christ Church, Deer Park. She has also served as Associate Priest at St Stephen's, Downsview, and as Assistant Curate at St. John's Church, Ancaster (Diocese of Niagara). Canon Palmer received her undergraduate degree from Queens University and her Masters of Divinity from Trinity College, University of Toronto.

Born in Jamaica, Canon Palmer moved to Canada with her family in 1975. Though she was ordained deacon (1985) and priest (1986) in the Diocese of Niagara, most of her priestly ministry has been served in the Diocese of Toronto. She is married to Danylo Dzwonyk.

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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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