

Saint Thomas's Church
Sunday After Ascension Day

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



Alleluia, Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones, 1899
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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

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

Those at the High Altar in memory of Alexandrina Victoria.

and

Those on the Lady Altar in memory of George and Bertha Heldt, from George Heldt.



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Officiant: Fr. Beyers
Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

VOLUNTARY

‘Prière du Christ montant vers son Père,’ l’Ascension,
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

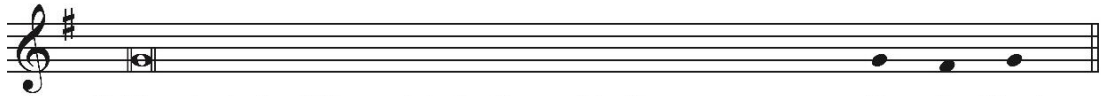
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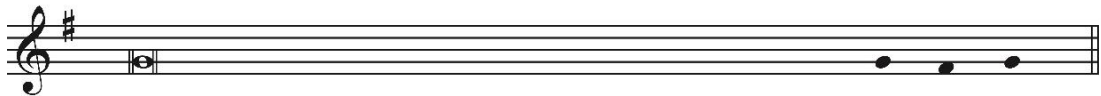
℣. O Lord, open thou our lips; ℞. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



℣. 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 officiant sits.

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino.

I. 2.



- Cantor* 1 O SING unto the Lord a **new** song :
People for he hath done **mar-vel-löus** thîngs.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his ho-ly arm :
hath he gotten him-**self** the vîc-to-ry.
- Cantor* 3 The Lord hath declar-ed his sal-**va**-tion :
his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight **of** the nâ-tiöns.
- People* 4 He hath remember-ed his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house
of Is-**ra**-el : and all the ends of the world have seen the salva-**tion** of
oür Göd.
- Cantor* 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all **ye** lands :
sing, re-**joice**, and gîve thänks.
- People* 6 Praise the Lord upon **the** harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm **of** thanks-gîv-îng.
- Cantor* 7 With trumpets also and the sound of **the** horn :
O show yourselves joyful be-**fore** the Lörd, the Kîng.
- People* 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is **there**-in :
the round world, and **they** that dwell there-in.
- Cantor* 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together
before **the** Lord : for he is **come** to jüdge the eärth.
- People* 10 With righteousness shall he judge **the** world :
and the peo-**ples** with ë-qui-ty.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly Ghöst;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out**
end. Ä-mën.

PSALM 99

Dominus regnavit.
IV. 4.



- Cantor* 1 THE LORD is King; let the **peo**-ples trem-ble :
People he sitteth upon the cherubim; let **the** earth be mov-ed.
 2 The Lord is **great** in Si-on : and high a-**bove** all the peo-ples.
Cantor 3 Let them give thanks un-**to** thy Name :
 which is great and wonderful; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 4 The King's power loveth judge-mēnt; thou dost es-**tab**-lish e-qui-ty :
 thou dost execute judgements and righ-**teous**-ness in Ja-cob.
Cantor 5 O magnify the **Lord** our God :
 and fall down before his footstool; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call
 up-**on** his Name : these call-ed upon the **Lord**, and he heard them.
Cantor 7 He spake unto them out of the **cloud**-y pil-lar :
 for they kept his testimonies, and the **law** that he gave them.
People 8 Thou heardest them, O **Lord** our God :
 thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst **pun**-ish their do-ings.
Cantor 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his **ho**-ly hill :
 for the Lord **our** God is ho-ly.
- People* Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : **and** to the Ho-ly Ghost;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :
People world **with**-out end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31.1-13

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Jeremiah, in the thirty-first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of

the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God." For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in E, Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

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 Ephesians 5.1-14

The Second Lesson is written in St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, in the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in E, Herbert Murrill

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

V. The Lord be with you; R. And with thy spirit. V. Let us pray.

V. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V. 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

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

R. And grant us thy salva-tion.

V. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

V. Endue thy ministers with righ-teous-ness.

R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

V. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.

R. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

R. And evermore mightily defend us.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;
R̄. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **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.**

ANTHEM

‘Non vos relinquam orphanos,’ William Byrd (1543-1623)

Non vos relinquam orphanos, alleluia. Vado et venio ad vos, alleluia, Et gaudebit cor vestrum , alleluia.

I will not leave you comfortless; I go and come again to you, And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

(from the Proper for the Sunday after the Ascension)

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 590 – The head that once was crowned with thorns

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns,
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light.
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above;
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his Name to know.
- 4 To them the Cross with all its shame,
With all its grace is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
- 6 The Cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him:
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

ST MAGNUS
Jeremiah Clarke, 1709

Rev. Thomas Kelly, 1820

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

WAREHAM

- 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

'If ye love me,' Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

(John 14.15-17)

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

GRAFTON

- 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.

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; Allelu-ia!
Containing in itself all sweetness. Allelu-ia!

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

The people are blessed by the Sacrament.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People



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**-ēr. 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.

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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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