

Saint Thomas's Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Veranda entwined with vines, Sylvester Shchedrin, 1828
The State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow

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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 & Homilist: Fr. Nathan Humphrey
Reader: Larry Beckwith
Intercessor: Ronwen Guest
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise_ you for_ your glo - ry. Lord, Je- sus Christ,

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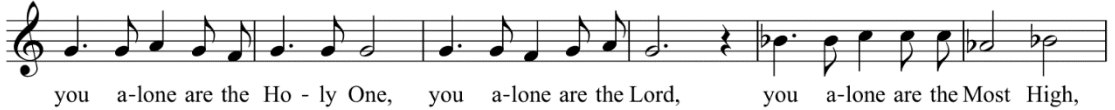
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 123

The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.



To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy. *Refrain.*

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. *Refrain.*

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from Saint Paul's first Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *Repeat Alleluias.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.14-30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*Bow.*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*Rise.*)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The People remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us respond to the words of the prophet, 'Be silent before God.' The day of the Lord is at hand, consider our complicity in these days of fear and hate and having considered, let us ask; Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

For the Church, in our Communion _____, in our Diocese _____, our Bishops Andrew, Riscylla, and Kevin, and all who worship and minister in this parish that - resisting complacency - we do not fall into believing the Lord will not or cannot act to reclaim his people,

Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

For those for whom we offer thanks today _____, that they encourage one another and build up each other, as they can and are able.

Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

For the sick _____, that as the Lord is the vine, they and those who care for them act as intertwined branches, carrying fruit to comfort creation, to strengthen us against hating.

Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

For the others who need our attention _____, that, even tho' the sound of the coming Lord's day will be bitter, and warriors will cry grieving, our Lord will take us, through pain to joy, through grief to rejoicing.

Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

For the dead _____, that they hold fast to Paul's declaration - that God has destined all, not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, strengthen us to resist fear.

Our God, our Creator, allow us to perceive that we, as we are made, are good people. And that no one has your permission to hate. Strengthen us to resist that fear that engenders prejudice and hate, let us see the way to love.

We ask by the command of your Son, who with you and the Spirit is One, God eternal. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 470

Love Divine, all loves excelling

so so la la so do mi mi re do ti la so so ti la so



1. Love Di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. Come, al-might-y to de-li-ver, Let us all thy grace re-ceive;
3. Fi-nish then thy new cre-a-tion, Pure and spot-less let us be;

9 so so la la so do mi mi re do re mi fa re do ti do



Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, Ne-ver more thy tem-ples leave.
Let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;

17 mi mi mi do mi fa mi re mi mi so so so mi so la so fi so



Je-su, thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure un-boun-ded love thou art;
Thee we would be al-ways bles-sing, Serve thee as thy hosts a-bove;
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

25 la fa so mi so fa mi mi re do re mi fa re do ti do

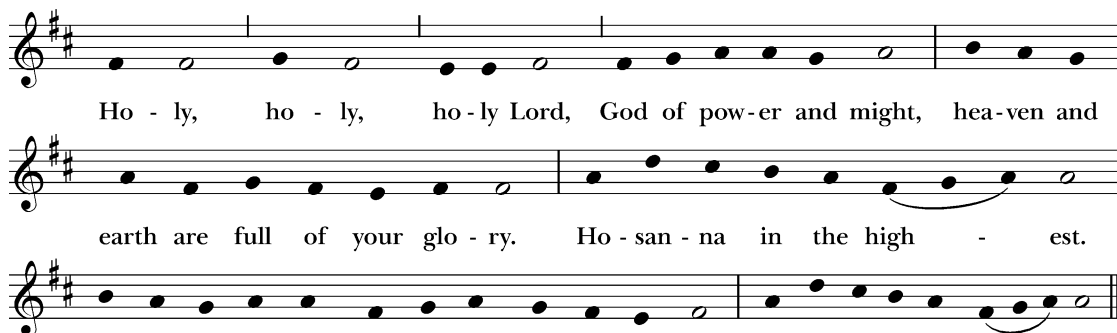


Vi-sit us with thy sal-va-tion, En-ter ev-ery tremb-ling heart.
Pray, and praise thee, with-out cea-sing, Glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, Lost in won-der, love, and praise.

The Choir and People sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are__ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
 “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
 whoever believes in me will never thirst.”
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

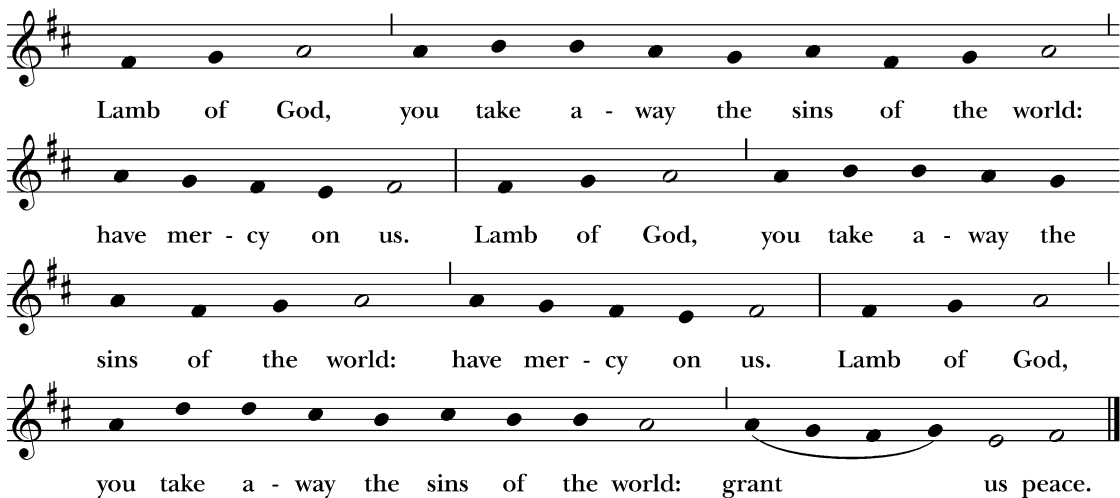
HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEI

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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!

MOTET

Cantique, Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

À toute âme qui pleure, à tout péché qui passe, J'ouvre au sein des étoiles mes mains pleines de grâces. Il n'est péché qui vive, quand l'amour a parlé. Il n'est âme qui meure, quand l'amour a pleuré. Et si l'amour s'égare aux sentiers d'ici-bas, ses larmes me retrouvent et ne s'égarent pas.

To all weeping souls, to all fleeting sins, I open, cradled by stars, my hands full of grace. No sin can live when Love has spoken. No soul can die when Love has wept. And if Love goes astray on terrestrial paths, its tears will find me and not go astray.

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your 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.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

CONCLUDING HYMN 287

Zion's King shall reign victorious

so mi do do do ti la la so la mi fa so la so fa mi re



1. Zi - on's King shall reign vic - to - rious; all the earth shall own_ his sway;
2. Glo - ry be to God, the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be__ to God, the Son,

9 so mi do do do ti la la so la mi fa so la so fa mi re



He will make his king - dom glo - rious; He will reign through end - less day.
Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit, Co - e - ter - nal, Three in One.

17 re mi fa la so la te te la so la ti do re do ti la



Na - tions now from God_ e - stran - ged_ then shall see_ a glo - rious light;
Al - le - lu - ia! Saints_ and an - gels, raise your loud - est, loft - iest strains!

25 do so mi do do te la so la la re do ti do so la do re do



Night to day shall then_ be chan - ged, Heav'n shall tri - umph in the sight.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hell_ is van - quished; God, the Lord Al - might - y, reigns.

IMPROVISATION

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.

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

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