

Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of the Dedication

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sung Mass at 10:30 am



*Cleansing of the Temple, Pieter Aertsen, 16th cent.
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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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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Humphrey
Reader: Georgiana Beal
Intercessor: Ronwen Guest
Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Director of Music: Manuel Piazza

VOLUNTARY How lovely is thy dwelling-place, Searle Wright (1918-2004)

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.

The Choir and People sing:

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- mighty - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

12



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

18



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

24



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right_ hand of the

30



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For

37



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

43



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly_ Spi - rit, in the

49



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther._____ A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

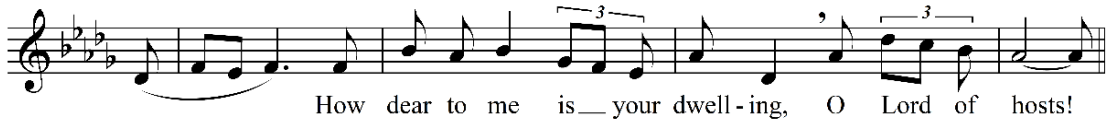
Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84.1-6



My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R/.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R/.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. **R/.**

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 2.1-5, 9-10

A reading from the first Epistle of St Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord: for my name to be there for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21.12-16

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.

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer;" but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

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

God our creator, whose dwelling is both everywhere and among the hearts of your people, hear your servants' plea, and let the cry we make today settle in your ear.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

For the Church, in the Anglican Cycle of prayer _____, in this Diocese _____, for all our Bishops, for all who worship and minister in this place that; as the swallow we may find a safe nesting place among the nooks and crannies of your house, and bring our praises as well as our sorrows to lay on your altar.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

For all for whom Thanksgiving is made, for those offering thanks, and for occasions of thankfulness _____, that; as happy as those whose strength is in you, and in whose hearts are the highways to Zion, they may reach out to those in need and surrender both some joy and some strength to raise them up.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

For the sick _____, that, in the midst of the unending stress of the medical system they are enabled to find the Lord dwelling within themselves, and in finding that love, accept wholeness, healing, and renewal.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

For the others for whom our prayers are asked _____, that; fed by the loving-kindness of God, they may grow, like children, into salvation, tasting that it, and God, are good.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

For the dead, for those who have died recently _____, and for those whose years mind is today _____, that they may know there is no God like the Lord, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who come before you ever offering all their hearts.

Lord, **hear in heaven your dwelling place, heed and forgive.**

Regard your servants' prayers, and our pleas today in this place, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayers your servants make toward this place, acknowledging its enduring virtue and the presence of your attention. We ask this by your Son, who with the Spirit is one God, now and ever. **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 394

Angel-voices, ever singing



1. An - gel voi - ces, ev - er sin - ging round Thy throne of light,
2. Yea, we know that Thou re - joi - cest o'er each work of Thine;
3. In Thy house, great God, we of - fer of Thine own to thee;
4. Hon - our, glo - ry, might, and me - rit, Thine shall ev - er be,



An - gel harps, for ev - er rin - ging, rest not day nor night:
Thou didst ears and hands and voi - ces for Thy praise de - sign;
And for Thine ac - cep - tance prof - fer, all un - wor - thi - ly,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!



Thou - sands on - ly live to bless Thee, and con - fess Thee, Lord of might!
Crafts - man's art and mu - sic's mea - sure for Thy plea - sure all com - bine.
Hearts and minds, and hands and voi - ces, in our choi - cest psal - mo - dy.
Of the best that Thou has gi - ven, earth and hea - ven ren - der Thee.

ANGEL VOICES
E.G. Monk, 1861

Rev. F. Pott, 1861

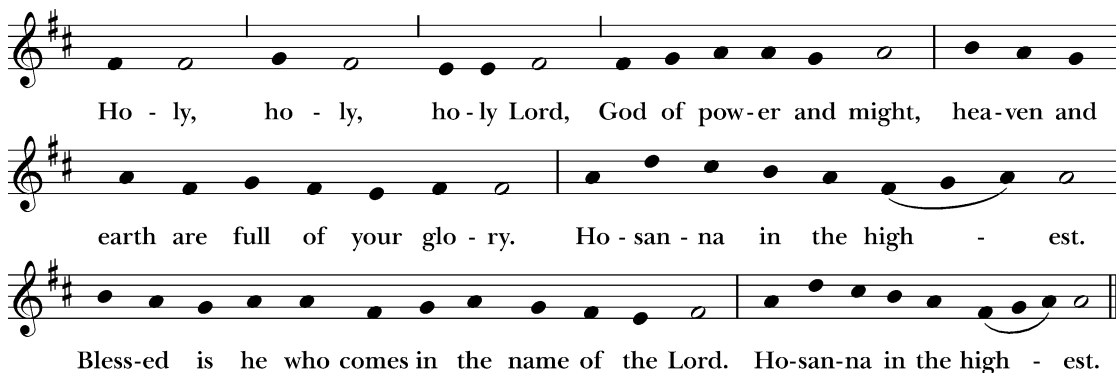
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this Eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson

Celebrant *People*

As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en,
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

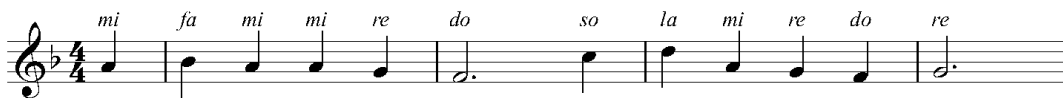
Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

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.

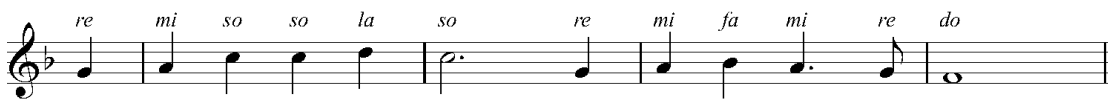
If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION HYMN 466

We love the place, O God



1. We love the place, O God, where - in Thine ho - nour dwells;
2. It is the house of prayer, where - in Thy ser - vants meet;
3. We love the sa - cred font; for there the Ho - ly Dove,
4. We love Thine al - tar, Lord; O what on earth so dear?
5. We love the word of life, The word that tells of peace,
6. We love to sing be - low for mer - cies free - ly given;
7. Lord Je - sus, give us grace on earth to love Thee more,



The joy of thine a - bode all earth - ly joy ex - cels.
And Thou, O Lord, art there Thy cho - sen flock to greet.
To pour is ev - er wont His bles - sing from a - bove.
For there, in faith a - dored, we find Thy pre - sence near.
Of com - fort in the strife, and joys that ne - ver cease.
But O we long to know the tri - umph - song of heaven.
In heaven to see Thy face, and with Thy saints a - dore.

MOTET Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth! Meine Seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn; mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott. Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth! Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar. Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen!

How lovely are thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts! My soul requires and yearns for the courts of the Lord; My body and soul rejoice in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they praise you forever.

(Psalm 84 vv1-2)

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.

Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour. **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

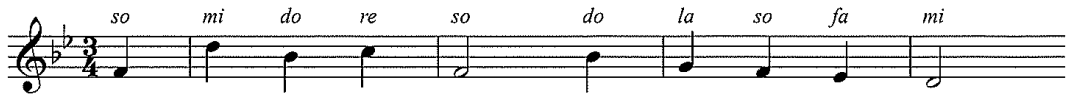
Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate our hearts; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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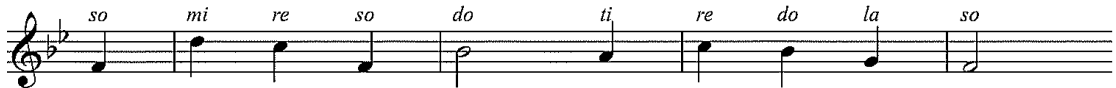
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 372

O praise ye the Lord



1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him in the Height!
 2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him u - pon earth,
 3. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - gi - ving and song



Re - joice in his Word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, ye sons of new birth;
 Each ju - bi - lant chord, re - ec - ho a - round;
 To Him be out poured, all a - ges a - long;



Ye hea - vens, a - dore Him by Whom ye were made,
 Praise Him who hath brought you His grace from a - bove,
 Loud or - gans, His glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,



and wor - ship be - fore Him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise Him who hath taught you to sing of His love.
 And sweet harp, the sto - ry of what He hath done.
 For grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

LAUDATE DOMINUM
 C.H.H. Parry

Rev. Sir H. W. Baker 1875

VOLUNTARY Final, from Organ Symphony No. 6, C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

A fundraising luncheon follows this service in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for Evensong at 5:00 pm. John Tuttle will be our Guest Conductor.

There will also be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God.
Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Alf Hansen, Mae Hansen,
Albert Maslen, and Ila Maslen McArthur,
grandparents of Wendy Hansen-McEachern, and Theodore (Ted) Kuhl;*

and

*Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Jean and Stanley Somerville,
by Maureen Somerville.*

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