

Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of the Dedication

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



Jacob's Dream, Giorgio Vasari, 1558
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore

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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. Humphrey
Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Director of Music: Manuel Piazza
Guest Conductor: John Tuttle

VOLUNTARY Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People stand at the sound of the bell.

PRECES

℣. 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 132

Memento, Domine

V. 1.



- Cantor* 1 LORD, RE-member **Da**-vid :
People and **all** his trou-ble;
- 2 How he sware unto the **Lord** :
and vow-ed a vow unto the Mighty **One** of Ja-cob:
- Cantor* 3 'I will not come within the tabernacle of mine **house** :
nor climb up **in**-to my bed;
- People* 4 I will not suffer mine eyes to **sleep** : nor mine eye-**lids** to slum-ber;
- Cantor* 5 Until I find out a place for the **Lord** :
an habitation for the Mighty **One** of Ja-cob.'
- People* 6 Lo, we heard of the same at **E**-phra[^]thah :
and found it in the **fields** of the Wood.
- Cantor* 7 We will go into his **dwell**-ing[^]place :
and fall low on our knees be-**fore** his foot-stool.
- People* 8 Arise, O Lord, into thy **rest**-ing[^]place :
thou, and the **ark** of thy strength..
- Cantor* 9 Let thy priests be cloth-ed with **righ**-teous[^]ness :
and let thy saints **sing** with joy-ful[^]ness.
- People* 10 For thy servant David's **sake** :
turn not away the face of **thine** an-oint-ed.
- Cantor* 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto **Da**-vid :
and he **shall** not shrink from[^]it:
- People* 12 'Of the fruit of thy **bo**-dy : shall I **set** up-on thy[^]throne.
- Cantor* 13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall
teach them : their children shall sit upon thy **throne** for ev-er[^]more.'
- People* 14 For the Lord hath chosen **Si**-on :
he hath long-ed for her to be an habi-**ta**-tion for him[^]self:
- Cantor* 15 'This shall be my rest for **ev**-er :
here will I dwell, for I **have** a[^]de-light there[^]in.
- People* 16 I will bless her victuals with **in**-crease :
and will satis-**fy** her poor with[^]bread.

Cantor 17 I will clothe her priests with sal-va-tion :
and her saints **shall** re-joyce and sing.
People 18 There shall I make the horn of David to **flour**-ish :
I have ordain-ed a lantern for **mine** an-oint-ed.
Cantor 19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with **shame** :
but upon himself shall **his** crown flour-ish.'

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 ever **shall** be :
People world with-out end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28.10-17

The First Lesson is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the book Genesis, beginning at the tenth verse.

Jacob left Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves.

Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it." And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21.1-4, 22-22.5

The Second Lesson is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the first verse.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates

shall never be shut by day - and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale, Herbert Howells

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.

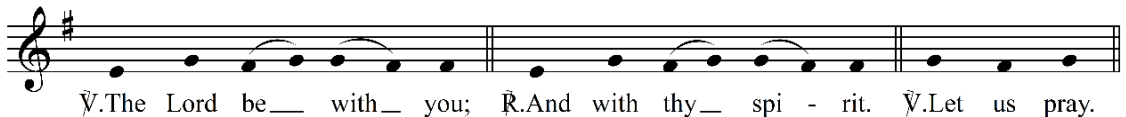
APOSTLES' CREED

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:

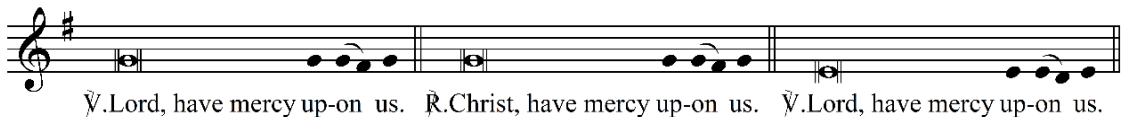
**He descended into hell;
 The third day he rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 The holy Catholic Church;
 The Communion of Saints;
 The 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.

The People kneel.



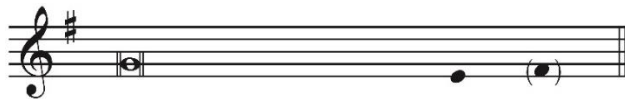
V. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

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**.

V. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O most blessed Saviour, who didst vouchsafe thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication: Be present with us at this time by thy Holy Spirit, and so possess our souls by thy grace, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, 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.**

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.

COMMISSIONING FOR LAY MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

The Officiant addresses the People, saying,

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Among these is the gift of music, which God has abundantly poured out on Elizabeth Anderson and Manuel Piazza. We gather this evening to recognize, honour, and formally commission Elizabeth and Manuel in the ministry of music in service to the Church in this parish.

The Officiant addresses those to be commissioned.

Elizabeth, you have been called to the ministry of Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas's Anglican Church. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the edification of the Holy Catholic Church?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Will you engage to work collegially and under the direction of the Rector in his capacity as the canonical Director of Music of this parish church?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Manuel, you have been called to the ministry of Assistant Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas's Anglican Church. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the edification of the Holy Catholic Church?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Will you engage to work collegially and under the direction of the Rector in his capacity as the canonical Director of Music of this parish church?

Answer I will, with God's help.

The Officiant addresses the People, saying,

Will all of you who witness these promises do all in your power to uphold Elizabeth and Manuel in their ministry?

People **We will.**

The Officiant continues,

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in every age dost call thy faithful people to minister in thy holy name: Grant that the work of these thy servants may so build up thy Church, that we may faithfully serve thee and show forth thy love in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant says,

Elizabeth, I commission you as the Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas's Anglican Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Manuel, I commission you as the Assistant Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas's Anglican Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

May the Lord empower and uphold you both in your ministries.

Answer Amen.

The prayers conclude with,

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are made acceptable and called to thy service: Strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit, and make us faithful and steadfast in our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.

FESTIVAL TE DEUM

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee; The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee; The noble army of Martyrs praise thee; The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. (*kneel*) We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. (*stand*) Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage; Govern them, and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

HYMN 358

Christ is our corner-stone

- 1 Christ is our corner-stone,
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
On his great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

- 2 O then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song
Both loud and long
That glorious name
- 3 Here, Gracious God, do thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh:
In copious shower
On all who pray,
Each holy day
Thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore:
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

HAREWOOD
S.S. Wesley, 1868

Latin of 8th Cent.
Tr. by Rev. John Chandler

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

ÆTERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

- 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

‘O taste and see,’ Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

(Ps 34.8)

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

PICARDY

- 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 heaven;
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.**

THE BENEDICTION

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



Tone VI



O PRÄISE 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 remain kneeling as the Sacrament is carried to the Lady Altar and reposed.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception after this 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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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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