

Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XVIII

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



Ruth and Boaz, George Frederick Watts, c. 1900
The Tate Gallery, London

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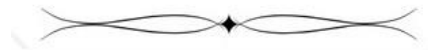
Welcome!

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 are in loving memory of Hilda and James Short;

and

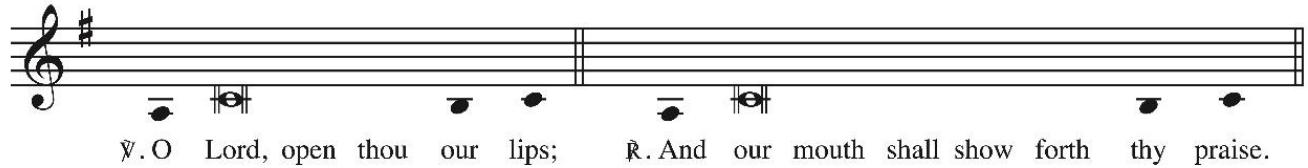
Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of friends and relatives by Marlene Fader.

Officiant: Fr. Latimer-Dennis
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

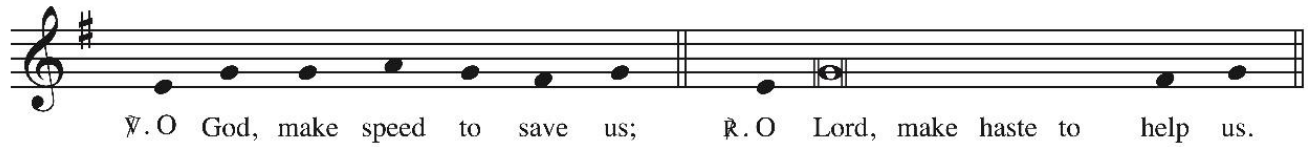
PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on Allein Gott, BWV 675, *J.S. Bach*

PRECES

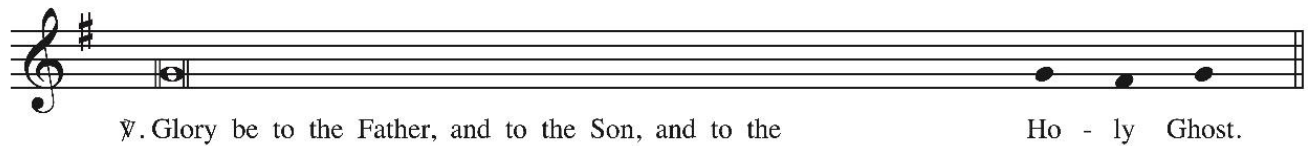
Sung by the Officiant and Choir.



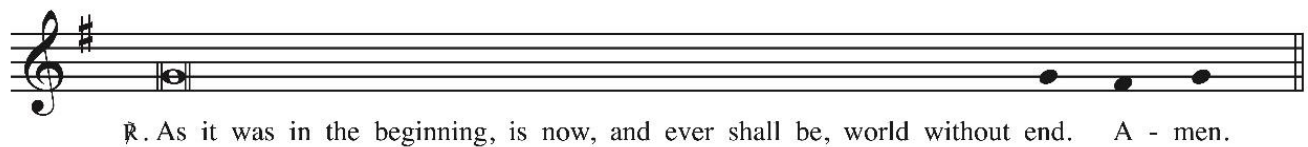
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



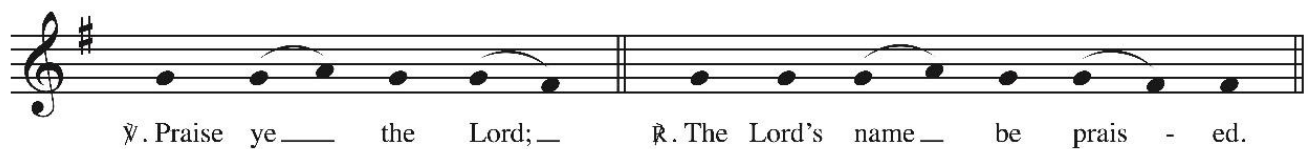
V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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



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



V. Praise ye — the Lord; — R. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The people sit when the officiant sits.

PSALM 105, Pt 2

VII. 7.



- Cantor* 23 IS-RA-el also **came** in[^]to Eg-ypt :
- People* and Jacob was a stranger **in** the land[^]of Häm.
- 24 And the Lord increased his **peo-ple**[^]ex-ceed[^]ing-ly : and made them stronger **than** their en[^]e-mies;
- Cantor* 25 Whose heart turned to **hate** his peo-ple : and to deal deceitfully **with** his ser-vänts.
- People* 26 Then sent he **Mo-ses**[^]his ser-vant : and Aaron **whom** he[^]had cho-sën.
- Cantor* 27 And he showed his **signs** a-mong them : and wonders **in** the land[^]of Häm.
- People* 28 He sent darkness **and** it was dark : and they were not obedient **un-**to his wörd.
- Cantor* 29 He turned their **wa-ters** in[^]to blood : (- -) and slew[^]their fish.
- People* 30 Their **land** brought forth frogs : yea, even in their **kings'** cham-bërs.
- Cantor* 31 He spake the word and there came all **man-**ner of flies : and lice in **all** their quar-tërs.
- People* 32 He gave them **hail**-stones for rain : and flames of **fire** in their länd.
- Cantor* 33 He smote their vines **al-**so[^]and fig-trees : and destroyed the trees that were **in** their bor-dërs.
- People* 34 He spake the **word** and[^]the lo[^]custs came : and caterpillars in-**num-**er-a-blë;
- Cantor* 35 And did eat up all the **grass** in their land : and devoured the **fruit** of their gröund.
- People* 36 He smote all the **first**-born in[^]their land : even the **chief** of all[^]their strëngth.
- Cantor* 37 But he brought forth his own people with **sil-**ver and gold : and there was not one feeble **per-**son[^]a-mong[^]their tribes.
- People* 38 Egypt was glad at **their** de-part-ing : for they **were** a-fraid[^]of thëm.
- Cantor* 39 He spread out a cloud to **be** a cov[^]er-ing : and fire to give light in the **nïght-**sea-sön.
- People* 40 At their de-**sire** he brought quails : and filled them with the **bread** of hea-vën.
- Cantor* 41 He opened the rock of stone, and the **wa-**ters flow[^]ed out : so that rivers ran in the **dry** pla-cës.
- People* 42 For why? he remembered his **ho-**ly pro-mise : and Abra-**ham** his ser-vänt.
- Cantor* 43 And he brought forth his **peo-**ple with joy : and his **cho-**sen[^]with glad-nëss;
- People* 44 And gave them the **lands** of[^]the na-tions : and they took the labours of the peoples **in** pos-ses-sion;
- Cantor* 45 That they might **keep** his sta-tutes : **and** ob-serve[^]his läws.

People Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghöst;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be :
People world with-out end. A-mën.

FIRST LESSON: Ruth 2.1-20a, 4.13-17

The First Lesson is written in the book of Ruth, in the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favour.' She said to her, 'Go, my daughter.' So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, 'The Lord be with you.' They answered, 'The Lord bless you.' Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, 'To whom does this young woman belong?' The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, 'She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers." So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.' Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.' Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, 'Why have I found favour in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?' But Boaz answered her, 'All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!' Then she said, 'May I continue to find favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.' At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine.' So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, 'Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.' So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. Her mother-

in-law said to her, 'Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.' So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, 'The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.' Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Village Service, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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: Philippians 2.1-18

The Second Lesson is written in St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, in the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you - and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Village Service, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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.

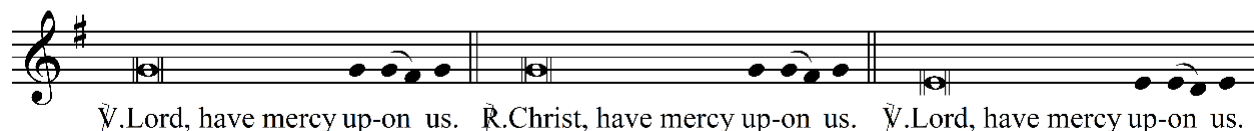
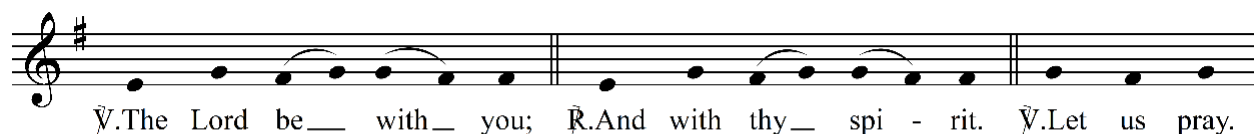
APOSTLES' CREED

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

Sung by the Officiant and Choir

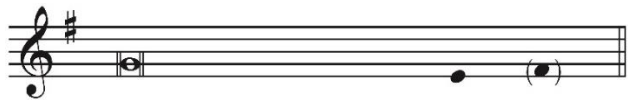


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

Ṛ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

Ṽ. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

Ṽ. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**ness.

Ṛ. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

Ṽ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

Ṛ. And bless thine inhe-**ri**tance.

Ṽ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;

Ṛ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, and flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.**

ANTHEM

‘In pace,’ *William Blitheman (1525-1591)*

In pace, in idipsum dormiam et requiescam, Si dederero somnum oculis meis, et palpebris meis dormitationem, dormiam et requiescam. Gloria Patri, at Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

In peace in the very same, I will sleep and take my rest. If I give sleep to mine eyes and to mine eyelids slumber I will sleep and take my rest. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

(Responsory at Compline)

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 45 – Now God be with us, for the night is closing

- 1 Now God be with us, for the night is closing;
The light and darkness are of his disposing,
And `neath his shadow here to rest we yield us,
For he will shield us.
- 2 Let evil thoughts and spirits flee before us;
Till morning cometh, watch, O Father, o'er us;
In soul and body thou from harm defend us;
Thine angels send us.
- 3 Let holy thoughts be ours when sleep o'ertakes us;
Our earliest thoughts be thine when morning wakes us;
Serving thee only, and in all our doing
Thy praise pursuing.
- 4 We have no refuge; none on earth to aid us
Save thee, O Father, who thine own hast made us;
But thy dear presence will not leave them lonely
Who seek thee only.
- 5 Father, thy Name be praised, thy Kingdom given,
Thy will be done on earth as `tis in heaven;
Keep us, forgive us, and from ill deliver
Us now and ever.

*CHRISTE FONS JUGIS
Rouen Church Melody*

*Tr. (1863) by Catherine Winkworth
from the German of Rev. Petrus Herbert, 1566*

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

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 sacrum convivium,' *Andrew Agar (1962 -)*

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

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.**

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**-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.