

**Saint Thomas's Church**  
**The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Sung Mass at 9:30 am**



Sunrise, Claude Monet, 1872  
Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris

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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:** Michael Rowland  
**Intercessor:** Ronwen Guest  
**Organist & Choirmaster:** Elizabeth Anderson  
**Assistant Organist & Choirmaster:** Manuel Piazza

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## 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- 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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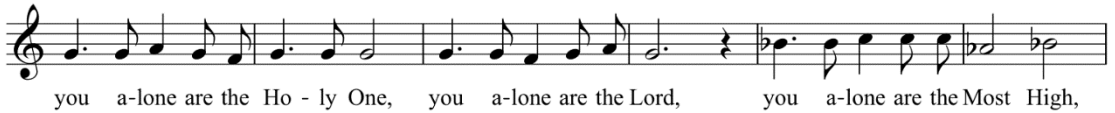
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. *Refrain.*

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *Refrain.*

## **THE EPISTLE**

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

A reading from Saint Paul’s First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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: Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. Repeat Alleluias.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22.15-22

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 the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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**

Our God, author of peace, provider of lovingkindness, direct our thoughts to furthering in your creation a place where indeed the lamb may safely lie down with the lion; where the hawk and the mouse share a nest.

For the Church and its people, in the Anglican Cycle of prayer \_\_\_\_\_, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer \_\_\_\_\_, in the Parish Cycle of Prayer \_\_\_\_\_, and all who, in diverse forms claim you as Abba, Father. Let us share territory, resources, and inspiration in ways that build, rather than destroy.

**Lord, hear and strengthen us.**

For \_\_\_\_\_, in particular, that they see past mine to yours, giving where they can towards the repair of this world and all people.

**Lord, hear and strengthen us.**

For the sick \_\_\_\_\_, that your comfort and lovingkindness bring wholeness, the example of your anointed ones challenge us to care for the sick in body and mind.

**Lord, hear and strengthen us.**

For others for whom we are asked to pray \_\_\_\_\_; test among us those whom you call up, in their own way, those anointed to your purpose and inspired to heal, one little wound at a time, that each one can love one, passing on the peace of your Christ.

**Lord, hear and strengthen us.**

For the dead \_\_\_\_\_, that having passed on to a new life, we let them go, not using their deaths to punish the living but being challenged to fuel the arc of love with our grief.

**Lord, hear and strengthen us.**

Lord our God, thank you for the peace of your Christ, the steadfast loving kindness of your Spirit and your Creation; a universe that allows us to strive toward emulation of these gifts in care and justice, each to our ability, each in our need, offering thanks through your Son. **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 98

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

UTTINGEN



1. Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;
2. Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness;
3. Fear not to en - ter his courts, in the slen - der - ness,
4. These, though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness,
5. Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;



Bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
of the poor wealth thou canst rec - kon as thine;  
He will ac - cept for the Name that is dear,  
Bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;



Gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness,  
Com - fort thy sor - rows, and an - swer thy prayer - ful - ness,  
Truth in its beau - ty and love in its ten - der - ness,  
Mor - nings of joy give for eve - nings of tear - ful - ness,  
Gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of low - li - ness



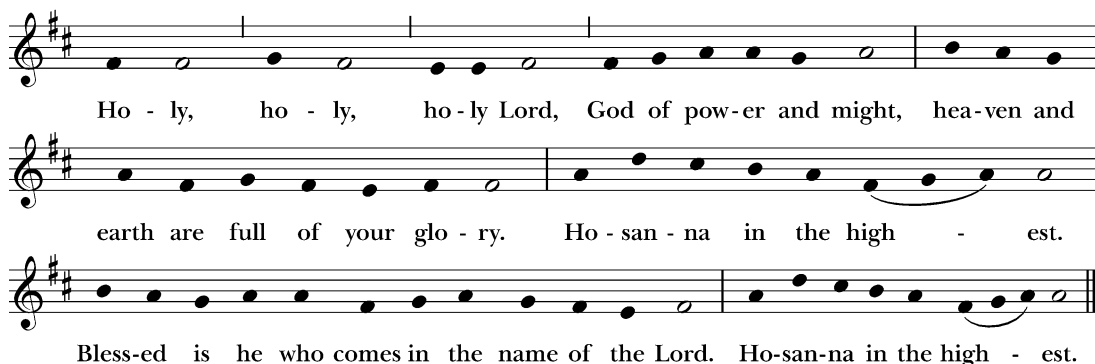
bring, and a - dore him, the Lord is his name!  
Guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.  
These are the off - 'rings to lay on his shrine.  
Trust for our trem - bling and hope for our fear.  
bring, and a - dore him, the Lord is his name!



*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 which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

**Give us this bread for ever.**

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

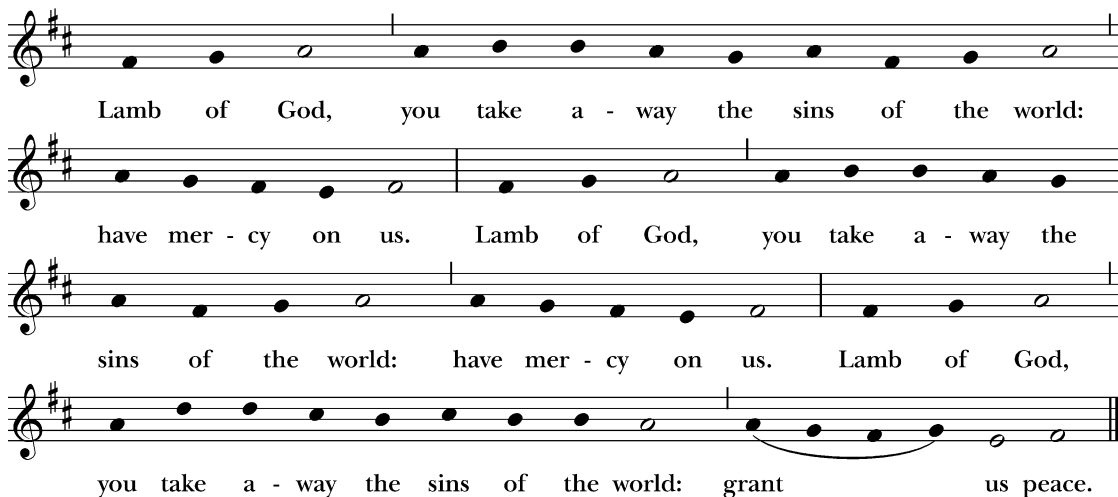
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**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

'Seek ye first,' Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, Alleluia.

## 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.

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 1 – Holy Holy Holy

NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the mor - ning my song shall rise to thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Migh - ty,  
 Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,  
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; There is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Migh - ty,



God in Three Per - sons, Bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty!  
 Which wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in Three Per - sons, Bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty!

## VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139,  
 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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.*

*Those at the High Altar are in memory of Reginald, Bertha and  
Jeanne Anson-Cartwright, by their family;*

*and*

*Those on the Lady Altar in memory of Arnold Heldt Sr., Arnold Heldt Jr.,  
and Marie Heldt, from George Heldt.*

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