

# Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XX

Sunday, October 30, 2022

High Mass at 11 o'clock



*Jesus Encounters Zacchaeus as He Enters Jericho*, from the Gospel Book of Otto III  
German, c.1000; Bavarian State Library, Munich, Germany

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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

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



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

*Those at the High Altar 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.*

**Celebrant:** Fr. Shire  
**Homilist & Deacon:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Reader:** Phil Spencer  
**Interim Director of Music & Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

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**MUSIC OF THE MASS:** Mass of Saint Thomas, *Robert Fleming (1921-1976)*

*Throughout this booklet, the People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY:** Berceuse, *Louis Vierne*

*The People stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting when the Choir sits.*

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN 2** – Glory to thee who safe hast kept

- 1 Glory to thee who safe hast kept  
And hast refreshed me whist I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I wake from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.
- 2 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;  
Scatter my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with thyself my spirit fill.
- 3 Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
All I design, or do, or say;  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In thy sole glory may unite.
- 4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Choir alone sings the Kyrie.*

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.

*The People stand. The People and Choir sing the Gloria.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Missa de Angelis  
Harmonized by Walter MacNutt*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,  
we bless\_\_\_ thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy\_ thee, we give thanks to\_\_\_ thee  
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er\_ Al - migh - ty.  
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su\_ Christ; O Lord God,\_\_\_ Lamb of God,  
Son of the\_\_\_ Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, \_

have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
 re - ceive our \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,  
 have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art\_ ho - ly; thou on - ly\_ art the Lord;  
 thou on - ly,\_\_\_ O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art\_\_\_ most\_\_\_ high  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er.\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ men.\_\_\_\_

*The People remain standing for the Collect.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 1.10-18**

The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the tenth verse.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119 Part 18**

*Justus es, Domine*  
IV. 8.



*Cantor* 137 RIGHT-EOUS art **thou**, O Lord :

*People* and true are thy **jüdge**-ments.

138 The testimonies that thou **hast** com-mand-ed : are exceeding righteous  
**änd** true.

*Cantor* 139 My zeal hath even con-**sum**-ed me : because mine enemies have forgotten  
**thÿ** words.

*People* 140 Thy word is tri<sup>^</sup>-ed **to** the ut-ter<sup>^</sup>-most : and thy servant **löv**-eth<sup>^</sup> it.

*Cantor* 141 I am small and of no **re**-pu-ta-tion : yet do I not forget thy **prä**-cepts.

*People* 142 Thy righteousness is an ever-**last**-ing righ-teous<sup>^</sup>-ness : and thy law **is**  
the<sup>^</sup> truth.

*Cantor* 143 Trouble and heaviness have taken **hold** up-on me : yet is my delight in thy  
com-**mänd**-ments.

*People* 144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is **ev**-er-last-ing : O grant me  
understanding, and **I** shall<sup>^</sup> live.

## THE EPISTLE: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12

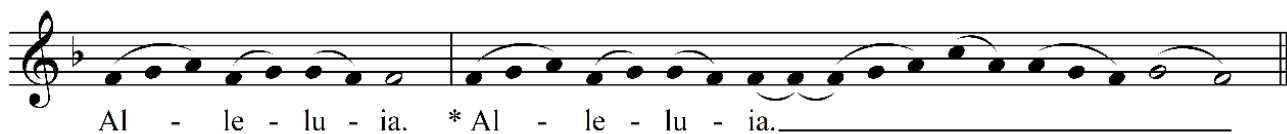
The Epistle is written in the first chapter of St Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, beginning at the first verse.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand. The Choir sings the Gospel Acclamation, the People repeating the Alleluias.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia. Alleluia. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. \* Alleluia

### GOSPEL: Luke 19.1-10

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## SERMON

*The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."*

## THE NICENE CREED

Credo (Missa de Angelis) Mode V

harmonized by Walter MacNutt



Celebrant:

I be- lieve in one God \*

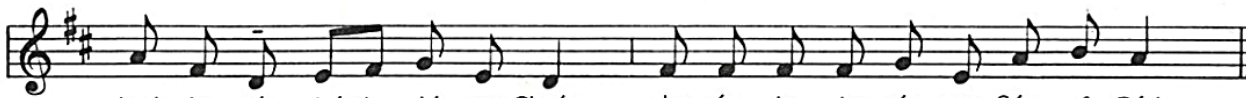
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the Fáth- er Al- mígh- ty, Má- ker of héa- v'n and eárh,



And of áll things vís- i- ble and in- vís- i- ble:



And in oíne Lórd Jé- sus Chríst, the ón- ly- be- gót- ten Són of Gód,



Be- gót- t'n of the Fáth- er be- fóre all wórls;



Gód, of Gód; Líght, of Líght; Vé- ry Gód, of vé- ry Gód;

Be- gót- ten, nó- t má- de; Bé- ing of one sú- b- stance with the Fáth- er;

Through whóm all things were má- de: Who for ús mén and for oúr sal- vá- tion

came down from héa- v'n, And was in- cár- nate by the Hó- ly Ghóst

of the Vír- gin Má- ry, And was má- de mán, And was

crú- ci- fi- ed ál- so for ús un- der Pón- tius Pí- late.

He sú- fer- ed and was bú- ri- ed, And the thír- d day he róse a- gáin

ac- córd- ing to the Scríp- tures, And as- ceí- d- ed in- to héa- v'n,

And sí- teth on the rí- ght hand of the Fáth- er.

And hé shall cóme a- gain with gló- ry to jú- dge both the quí- ck and the deá- d:

Whose ḱing-dom shall háve no eńd. And I be-líeve in the Hó-ly Ghóst, The Lońd,

The Gív-er of Lífe, Who pro-ceéd-eth from the Fáth-er and the Són,

Who with the Fáth-er and the Són to-géth-er is wór-ship-ped

and gló-ri-fi-ed, Who spáke by the Pró-phets.

And Í be-líeve One, Hó-ly, Cá-tho-lic, and Á-po-stó-lic Churčh.

Í ac-knów-ledge óne Báp-tism for the re-mís-sion of síns.

And I loók for the Re-sur-réc-tion of the deáđ,

And the Lífe of the world to come.

A - - - - - men.

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering.

*The People remain standing for the hymn.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 329** – Father eternal, ruler of creation

- 1 Father eternal, ruler of creation,  
Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,  
Through the thick darkness covering every nation,  
Light to man's blindness, O be thou our aid:  
*Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.*
- 2 Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided,  
And, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;  
By wars and tumults Love is mocked, derided;  
His conquering Cross no kingdom wills to bear:  
*Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.*
- 3 Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,  
Nation by nation still goes unforgiven,  
In wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,  
Building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:  
*Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.*
- 4 Lust of possession worketh desolations;  
There is no meekness in the sons of earth;  
Led by no star, the rulers of the nations  
Still fail to bring us to the blissful birth:  
*Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.*
- 5 How shall we love thee, holy hidden Being,  
If we love not the world which thou hast made?  
O give us brother-love for better seeing  
Thy Word made flesh, and in a manger laid:  
*Thy Kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.*

LANGHAM  
*Geoffrey Shaw, 1919*

*Laurence Housman, 1919*

*The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

*The People kneel.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer for \_\_\_\_\_, according to the Diocesan prayer cycle for \_\_\_\_\_, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

I bid your prayers for the King and for all in civil authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ [We give thanks especially for \_\_\_\_\_.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick \_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked \_\_\_\_\_. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and whose years mind is at this time \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May

God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Move us to praise thy gracious will O God, for in Christ Jesus thou hast saved us from the deeds of death and opened unto us the hidden ways of thy love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People remain kneeling.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant* *People*



The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* *People*



Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* *People*



Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; thou dost renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Choir alone sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
✠ Blessed is he that cometh  
in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
✠ Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*The Celebrant continues,*

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,


*Celebrant* *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out \_\_\_ end. A - men. \_\_\_

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

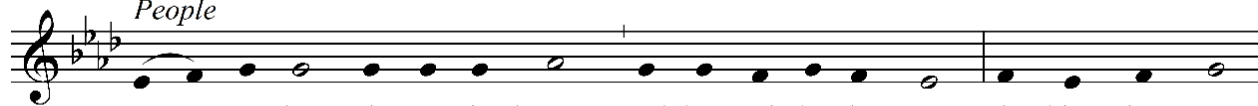
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*Celebrant*

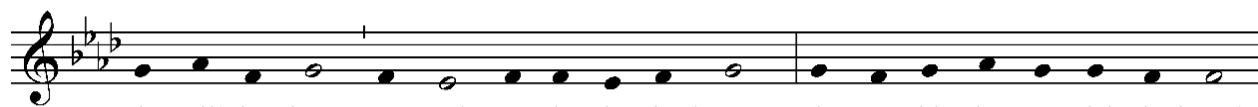


And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:


*People*




Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,




Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;



and for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-li-ver us from ev-il.




For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

## FRACTION & PEACE


*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

*Celebrant*



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

*People*



And with thy spi-rit.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.



*The Choir alone sings:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

## **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 DEVOTIONS**

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

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy 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.

**MOTET**

‘God be in my head,’ *Peter Aston (1938-2013)*

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God  
be at mine end, and at my departing.

*From the Sarum Primer, 1558*

*The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 238** – O God, unseen, yet ever near

- 1 O God, unseen, yet ever near  
Thy presence may we feel;  
And thus, inspired with holy fear,  
Before thine altar kneel.
- 2 Here may thy faithful people know  
The blessings of thy love;  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The Manna from above.
- 3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
To feast on heavenly Food;  
Our meat, the Body of the Lord;  
Our drink, his precious Blood.
- 4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
For we, O God, are thine;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine.

*The People kneel.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CONCLUDING HYMN 576** - Take my life, and let it be

- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store:  
Take myself, and I will be,  
Ever, only, all, for thee.

*GIBBONS*  
*Orlando Gibbons, 1623*

*Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY:** A voluntary for Elizabeth, *Derek Holman*

*The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.*