

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church
Sundays in Christmastide

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Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am
Contemporary Rite

Welcome to Saint Thomas's and to this Christmastide celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Service Notes:

The Music of the Mass, Community Mass by Richard Proulx, is printed in this booklet. The hymns are listed in the service bulletin, and are found in the blue hymn books on the shelf in front of your pew. The readings, including congregational parts, are printed on a separate insert.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist. You are welcome to kneel or stand as you prefer. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Children are very welcome at the service. Please ask the Greeters about the Children's Activity Box. If you wish, please inquire about other child care arrangements during the service.

There is no collection taken at this service, but if you would like to make a financial donation to the parish we would be very grateful. Donations are placed in the basin on the table in the aisle, next to the bread and wine. To receive an income tax receipt please fill out the envelope on the pew shelf.

If you have particular prayer requests please speak with the greeter who will show you the Intercessions Book on the table in the centre aisle.

After the Eucharist we would be delighted to have you join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the church.

The Holy Eucharist in Christmastide

The Hymns for each service are printed in the Leaflet.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

The Presider greets the community:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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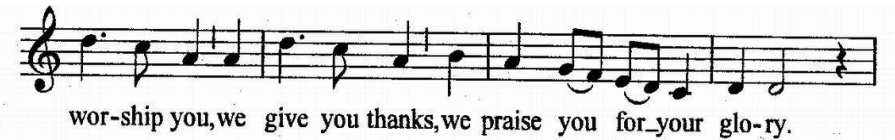
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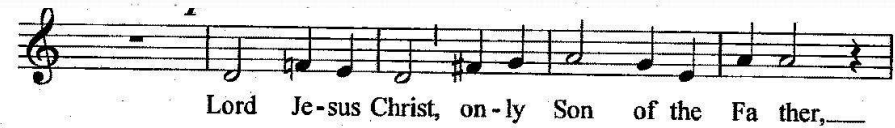
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord



God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, We



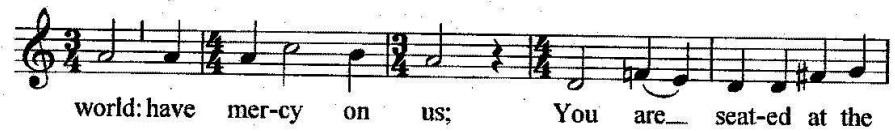
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



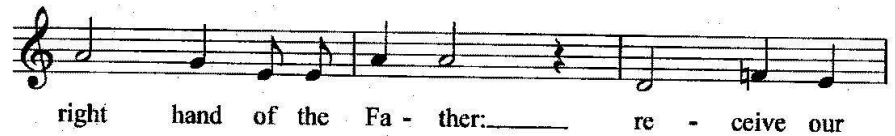
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa ther, —



Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; You are — seat-ed at the

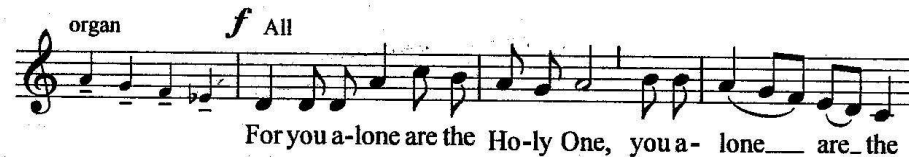


right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our

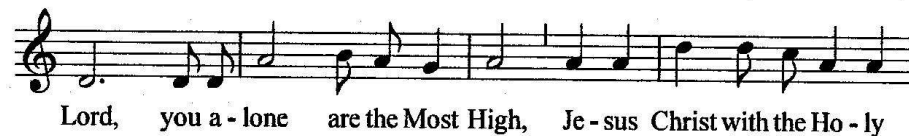


pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive — our pray'r.

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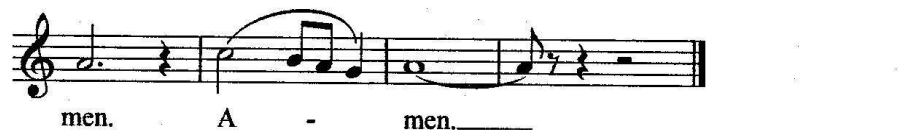
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a- lone — are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A -



men. A - men. —

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

After a brief silence, the Presider prays: then sings the collect, after which the people respond, Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

The readings for the day, including the congregational parts, are found on the accompanying insert. At the end of the first two readings, the reader says "The word of the Lord", and the People respond Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to . . .

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People:

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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 Prayers of the People

A member of the congregation leads the Prayers of the People, announcing the people's response. Please feel free to stand, sit, or kneel. Your own requests can be written into the Intercession Book before the Service.

Confession and Absolution

Presider:

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel. A Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,
All 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.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The members of the community may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn is sung while the gifts of the people, (the monetary Givings are placed in the Basin on the Table in the Aisle), together with the Bread and Wine, are brought to the altar.

The Prayer over the Gifts

The Presider offers the prayer for the Day and the people respond, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
we lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

after which all join in singing the Sanctus and Benedictus

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high est.

Presider:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider:

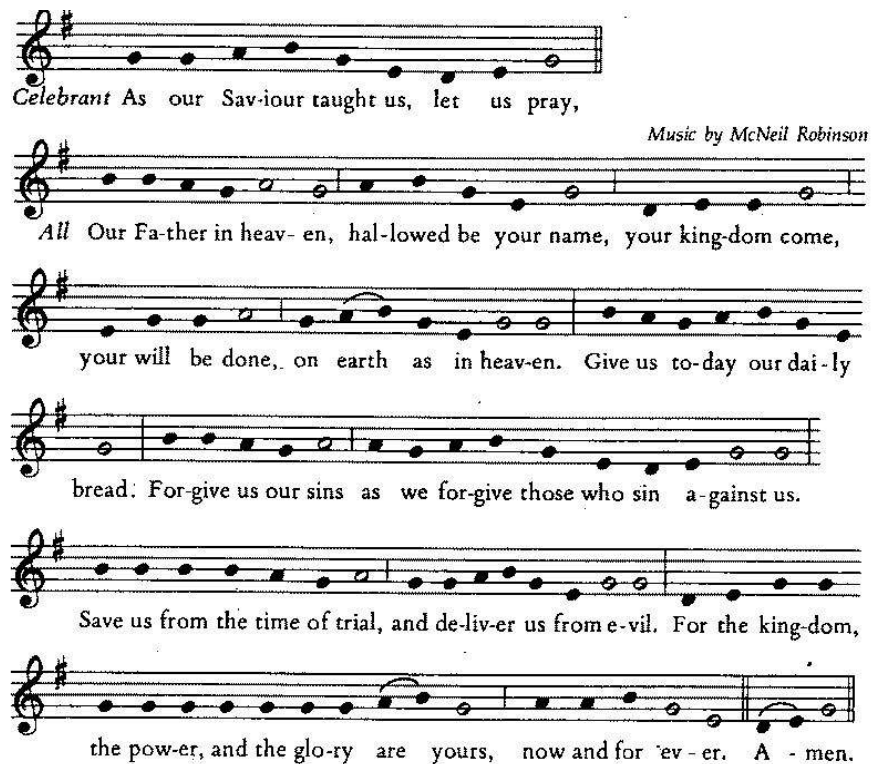
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite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

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,
Music by McNeil Robinson
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly
bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for 'ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says,

Presider: We break the Bread of Life, and that life is the Light of the world.

People: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life

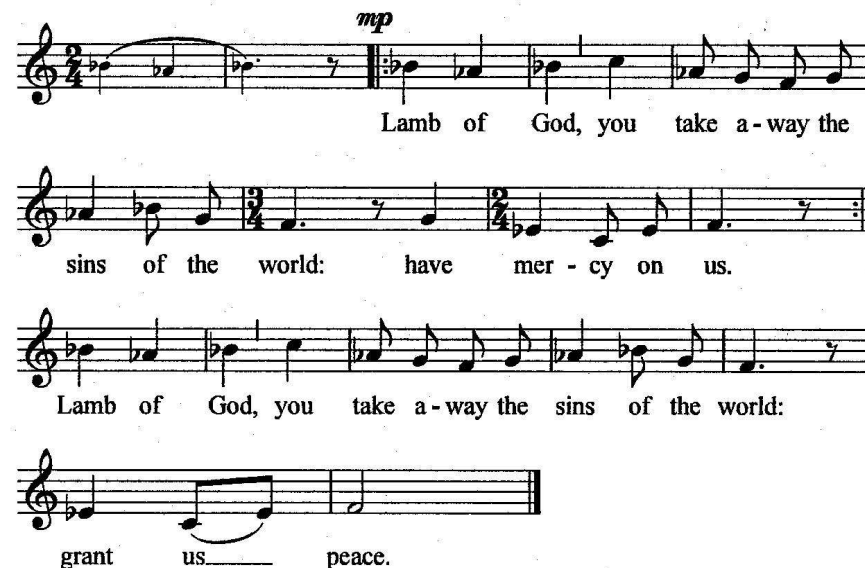
The Communion

The Presider invites the people to share in communion and says,

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei



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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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion. The sacrament is given with the following words: "The body of Christ (given for you)"... "The blood of Christ (shed for you)"; or "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven"... "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation". The communicant responds each time, Amen.

During the communion, the choir may sing a motet and a hymn is sung.

At the conclusion of the communion, silence may be kept.

Prayer after Communion

Please remain standing

Presider: Let us pray.

*The presider offers the Prayer after Communion after which the people respond,
Amen.*

Dismissal & Blessing

The presider blesses the people saying:

Christ, who by His Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. Amen.

Presider: Go forth with Christ born afresh in your hearts.

All: Thanks be to God