Saint Thomas's Church

Easter I

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



The Incredulity of St. Thomas, Adriaen van der Werff, 1710 Milwaukee Art Museum, Wisconsin

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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. Shire

Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

Guest Organist: Jonathan Oldengarm

VOLUNTARY

Chanson de Nuit, Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

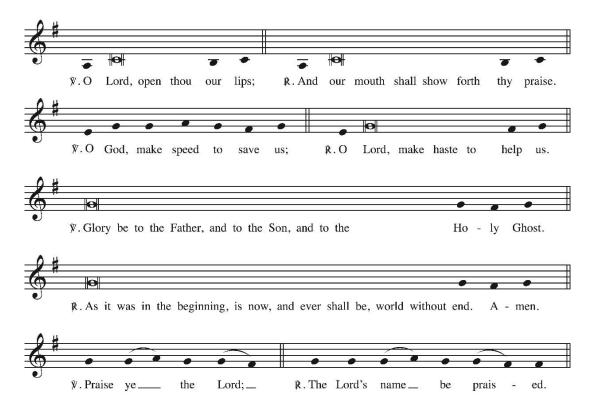
INVITATORY HYMN 163 - The strife is o'er, the battle done

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung. *Alleluia!*
- 2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, And Jesus hath his foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. *Alleluia!*
- 3 He closed the yawning gates of hell, The bars from heaven's high portals fell, Let songs of praise his triumph tell! *Alleluia!*
- 4 On the third morn he rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain. *Alleluia!*
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, From death's dread sting thy servants free, That we may live, and sing to thee. *Alleluia!*

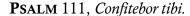
VICTORY
Adapted from Palestrina by W.H. Monk

Tr from the Latin by F. Pott 1832-1909

PRECES



The People sit when the Choir sits.





Cantor 1 I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole **heart**: People in the council of the faithful and in the **con**-gre-ga-tion.

- 2 The works of the Lord are **great**: sought out of all them that have **plea**-sure there-in.
- Cantor 3 His work is worthy to be prais-ed and had in **hon**-our : and his righteousness endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- *People* 4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous **works**: that they ought to be had **in** re-mem-brance.

Cantor 5 He hath given meat unto them that **fear** him: he shall ever be mindful **of** his co-ve-nant.

People 6 He hath show-ed his people the power of his **works**: in giving them the heritage **of** the na-tions.

Cantor 7 The works of his hands are verity and **judge**-ment : all his **pre**-cepts are sure;

People 8 They stand fast for ever and **ev-**er: and are done in **truth** and e-qui⁻ty.

Cantor 9 He sent redemption unto his **peo**-ple: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and rever-**end** is his Name.

People 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wis**-dom: a good under-standing have all they that do thereafter; his praise endur-**eth** for ev-er.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**: and **to** the Ho-ly^Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be:

world with-**out** end. A-men.

PSALM 112, Beatus vir.

VII. 5.



Cantor 1 BLESS-ED is the man that **fear**-eth the Lord:

People that hath great delight in **his** com-mänd-ments.

2 His seed shall be **migh**-ty^up-on earth: the generation of the faithful **shall** be blëss-ed.

Cantor 3 Riches and plenteousness shall **be** in his house : and his righteousness en-**dur**-eth[^]for ëv-er.

People 4 Unto the upright there ariseth up **light** in the dark-ness: he is merciful, **lov**-ing, and righ-teous.

Cantor 5 It is well with the man that is merci-**ful** and lend-eth: and ordereth his af-**fairs** with jüs-tice.

People 6 For he shall **nev**-er^be mov-ed: and the righteous shall be had in ever-**last**-ing^re-mëm-brance,

Cantor 7 He will not be afraid of any **e**-vil tid-ings: for his heart standeth fast and be-**liev**-eth in the Lord.

People 8 His heart is establish-ed **and** will not shrink : until he see his desire up-**on** his ën-e-mies.

Cantor 9 He hath dispers-ed abroad and **giv**-en to the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be ex-alt-ed with hön-our.

People 10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the un-god-ly shall për-ish.

Cantor Glory be to the **Fa**-ther^and to^the Son : and **to** the Hö-ly^Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world with-**out** end. Ä-men.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 15.1-18

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

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea; and his picked officers are sunk in the Red Sea. The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Thy right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of thy majesty thou overthrowest thy adversaries; thou sendest forth thy fury, it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of thy nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, majestic in holiness, terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders? Thou didst stretch out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. Thou hast led in thy steadfast love the people whom thou hast redeemed, thou hast guided them by thy strength to thy holy abode. The peoples have heard, they tremble; pangs have seized on the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; the leaders of

Moab, trembling seizes them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of thy arm, they are as still as a stone, till thy people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom thou hast purchased. Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them on thy own mountain, the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thy abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The Lord will reign for ever and ever."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in G, C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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 John 20.24-end

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the twentieth chapter, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in G, C.V. Stanford

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;

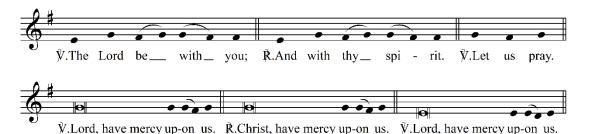
The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,

And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



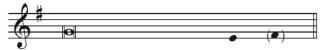
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
- \dot{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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

The People sit.

A CHORAL RECITAL Five Mystical Songs, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1 - Easter

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise, without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long: Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art. (George Herbert)

2 - I got me flowers

I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree: But thou wast up by break of day, And brought'st thy sweets along with thee. The Sun arising in the East, Though he give light, and the East perfume; If they should offer to contest With thy arising they presume. Can there be any day but this, Though many suns to shine endeavour? We count three hundred, but we miss: There is but one, and that one ever. (George Herbert)

3 - Love bade me welcome

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd any thing. "A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here:" Love said, "You shall be he." "I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee." Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?" "Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve." "And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?" "My dear, then I will serve." "You must sit down" says Love, "and taste my meat:" So I did sit and eat. (George Herbert)

4 - The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as Joys in love. (George Herbert)

5 - Antiphon

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out: But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. (George Herbert)

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 187 – How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

- 1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone On doubting souls, whose wills were true! Thou Christ of Cephas and of John, Thou art the Christ of Thomas too.
- 2 He loved thee well, and calmly said, 'Come, let us go, and die with him': Yet, when thine Easter-news was spread, 'Mid all its light his eyes were dim.
- His brethren's word he would not take, But craved to touch those hands of thine: The bruisèd reed thou didst not break; He saw, and hailed his Lord Divine.
- 4 He saw thee risen: at once he rose To full belief's unclouded height: And still through his confession flows To Christian souls thy life and light.
- 5 O Saviour, make thy presence known To all who doubt thy Word and thee; And teach them in that Word alone To find the truth that sets them free.
- 6 And we who know how true thou art, And thee as God and Lord adore, Give us, we pray, a loyal heart, To trust and love thee more and more.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

WAREHAM

- 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

GRAFTON

- 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; Allelu-<u>ia</u>! **Containing in itself all sweetness.** Allelu-<u>ia</u>!

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 people are blessed by the Sacrament.

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.

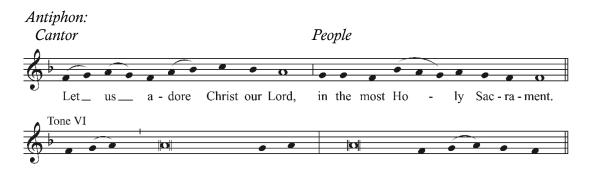
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

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*



O PRÄISE the Lord, all ye na-tions: laud him, all yë peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-wards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ev-ër. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be: world with-**out** ënd. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

Please attend our reception in the Parish Hall.

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

Those at the High Altar are in loving memory of Graham Wright;

and

Those at the Lady Altar are in loving memory of Jack Allen Fader, by his wife Marlene.

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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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