Saint Thomas's Church

Easter III

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Mosaico del buon pastore, c. 425 Mausoleo di Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italia

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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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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Humphrey

Reader: Georgiana Beal Intercessor: Ronwen Guest

Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)

VOLUNTARY Pastorale from 24 Pièces en style libre, Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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.

Alleluia! Christ has risen.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you. May he fill our hearts with joy.

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





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING Acts 2.42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R/

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.19-25

A reading from the First Epistle of Saint Peter:

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10.1-10

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray to Christ, the author of life. God raised him from the dead and he, himself, will raise us to life by his own power.

Intercessor: Christ, you are the light that drives out our darkness and draws us to holiness. Hear the needs of the Church, ____, our bishops Andrew, Ricylla, and Kevin, and all who worship and minister in this parish. Let us make this day a living hymn of praise and thanksgiving for these people ___ and all others held in our hearts.

Christ our life, save us.

Intercessor: Lord, you followed the way of suffering, even to the cross; grant that these sick persons, ____, may die with you and, made whole, rise again to new life.

Christ our life, save us.

Intercessor: Our master and our brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests in the service of God our father, holding up these persons for whom we are asked to pray, ____, let us all offer to you in joy the sacrifice of praise.

Christ our life, save us.

Intercessor: King of glory, we look forward to the day of your coming; with these (and all the dead) ,____, grant that we may see your face and share in your splendour.

Christ our life, save us.

Celebrant: Lord God, grant your people constant joy in the renewed vigour of our souls. We rejoice because you have restored to us the glory of adopted children: let us look forward gladly in certain hope of resurrection. We make this plea through Christ our Lord. **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 357 – At the Name of Jesus

- All 1 At the Name of Jesus
 Every knee shall bow,
 Every tongue confess him
 King of glory now;
 'Tis the Father's pleasure
 We should call him Lord,
 Who from the beginning
 Was the mighty Word.
- All 2 At his voice creation
 Sprang at once to sight,
 All the angel faces,
 All the hosts of light,
 Thrones and dominations,
 Stars upon their way,
 All the heavenly orders,
 In their great array.
- Lower 3 Humbled for a season

 Voices To receive a Name
 From the lips of sinners
 Unto whom he came,
 Faithfully he bore it,
 Spotless to the last,
 Brought it back victorious,
 When from death he passed:

- All 4 Bore it up triumphant
 With its human light,
 Through all ranks of creatures
 To the central height;
 To the throne of Godhead,
 To the Father's breast,
 Filled it with the glory
 Of that perfect rest.
- All 5 Name him, brothers, name him, With love as strong as death, But with awe and wonder, And with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, Trusted, and adored.

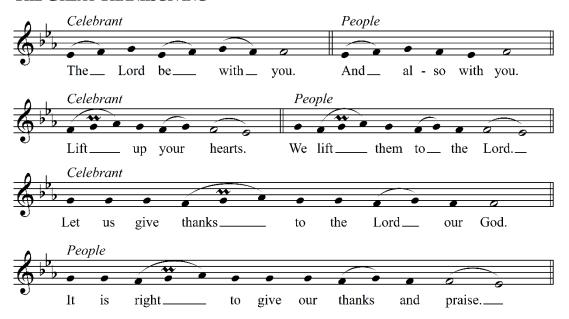
Upper 6 In your hearts enthrone him; Voices There let him subdue All that is not holy, All that is not true: Crown him as your Captain In temptation's hour; Let his will enfold you In its light and power.

All 7 Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

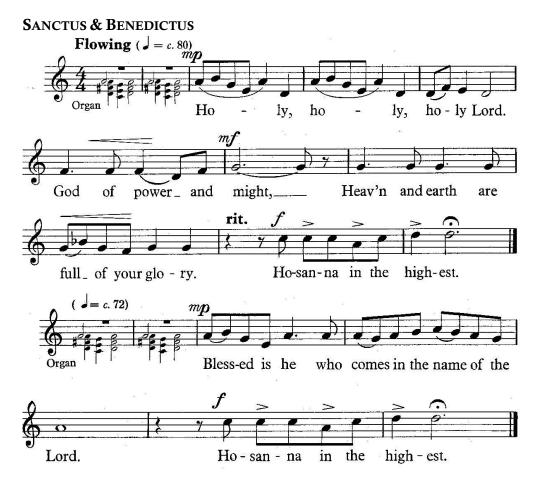
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Choir and People sing:



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."

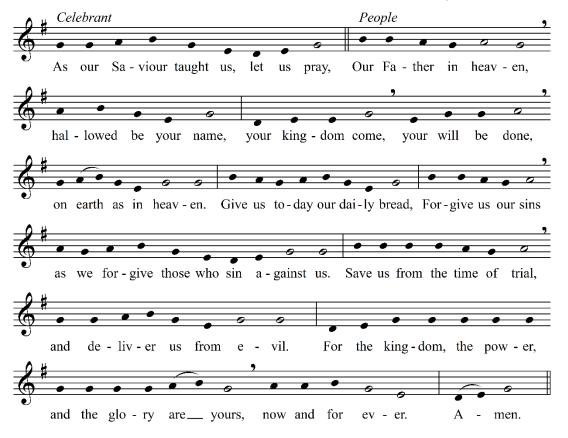
Therefore, Father, according to his command:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the Cross **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

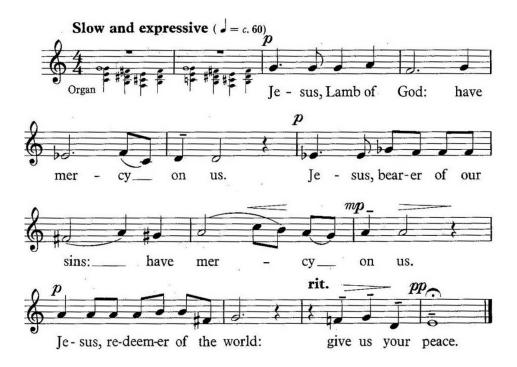
HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEL



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.

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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!

Мотет

'Surrexit pastor bonus,' Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

Surrexit pastor bonus, qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo, mori dignatus est. Alleluia.

The Shepherd has arisen, who willingly laid down his own life that they, his sheep, might live, and his flock to ransom, to die was worthy deemed. 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 steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

EASTERTIDE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN 698 – Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

- Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
 Keep us all, in safety keep;
 Nothing can thy power withstand,
 None can pluck us from thy hand.
- 2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give Thine own life that we might live, Bought with Blood, and bought for thee, Thine, and only thine, we'd be.
- 3 We would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessèd ones above Happy in thy precious love.
- 4 Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach us all thy voice to hear, Suffer not our steps to stray From the straight and narrow way.
- Where thou leadest we would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before our Father's throne We shall know as we are known.

BUCKLAND Rev. L.G. Hayne, 1863 Jane E. Leeson, 1842

VOLUNTARY

Dialogue, Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

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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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