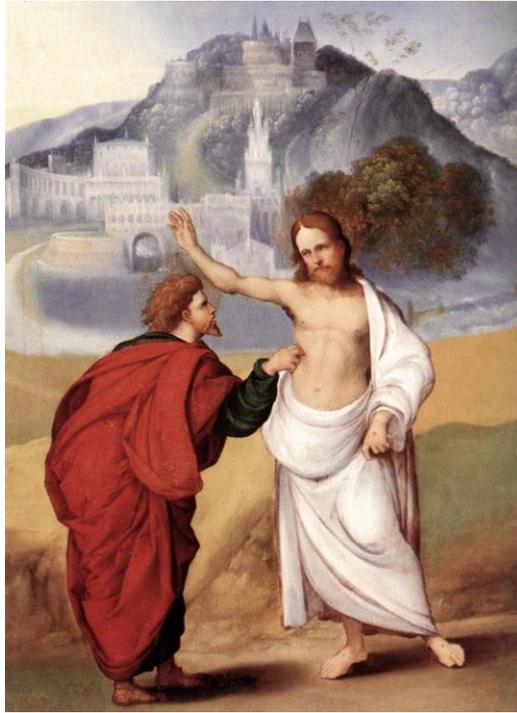


Saint Thomas's Church

The Sunday after Easter Day

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



The Incredulity of St. Thomas, Ludovico Mazzolino, c. 1522
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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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St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit qrco.de/smokytoms. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. **We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex.**

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Shire
Reader: John Stuart
Intercessor: Ronwen Guest
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is 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 People stand.

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

6
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

12
give you thanks, we praise_ you for_ your glo - ry. Lord, Je- sus Christ,

18

 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

24

 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right_ hand of the

30

 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

37

 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

43

 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly_ Spi - rit, in the

49

 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133



The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. *Refrain.*

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. *Refrain.*

A reading from the first Epistle of St John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *Repeat Alleluias.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20.19-31

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 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.

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

The Lord our God has renewed his Covenants, he has brought his kingdom to reign in creation. The Lord has ordained his blessing, life forever more.

For the Church _____ and our Bishops, for the leaders of nations _____, that, hearing of the actions of the believers, the sharing of goods and sustenance, they come to see that unity and peace are supported by equity, as the Lord has ordained his blessing.

Life forever more.

For those we hold up in Thanksgiving this week _____, that, walking in the light, they partake in his gifts, among them, as the Lord has ordained his blessing.

Life forever more.

For the sick _____, that made whole through the will of God, they accept the wether in earth or in heaven, as the Lord has ordained his blessing.

Life forever more.

For the others for whom we are asked to pray, _____, that as some who have not seen yet believed, they also receive joy and rest as a result of coming to apprehend, as the Lord has ordained his blessing.

Life forever more.

For the dead _____, that in the new kingdom, the eternal city of God, they hear for themselves, as the Lord has ordained his blessing.

Life forever more.

God, eternal, ever renewed and renewing, keep your people, and the whole of your creation, in peace and unity. Hold back the rise of darkness and violence and, forgiving our foolish ways, still the confusion of climate brought on by our sin. We ask through Jesus your Son and our Light. **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.

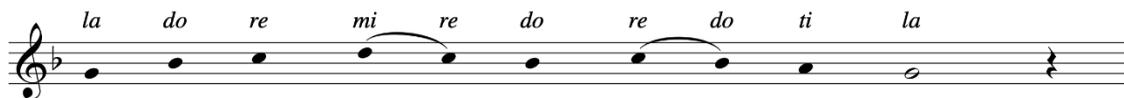
OFFERTORY HYMN 162

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Introductory Alleluia (first time only)



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3. When Tho - mas first the ti - dings heard,
4. "My pier - ced side, O Tho - mas, see;
5. No long - er Tho - mas then de - nied;
6. How blest are they who have not seen,



The King of heav'n, the glo - rious King,
A - midst them came their Lord most dear,
How they had seen the ri - sen Lord,
My hands, my feet, I show thee;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
And yet whose faith has con - stant been,



O'er death to - day rose tri - um - phing. Al - le - lu - ia!
And said, "My peace be on all here".
He doubt - ed the di - sci - ples' word.
Not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be".
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
For they e - ter - nal life shall win!

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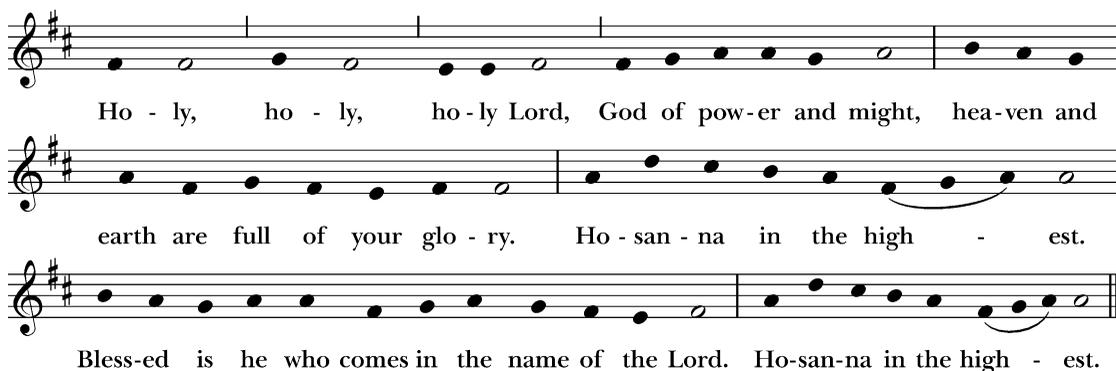
French melody, 17th cent. as given by S. Webbe, 1792

Latin (17th cent), Tr by Rev. J.M. Neale

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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."

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

McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

Celebrant *People*

As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, 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

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 DEI

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

We walk by faith, *ST BOTOLPH*

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold you as you are with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford

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.

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through
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.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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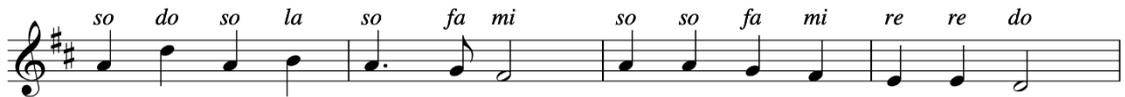
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

HYMN 161

At the Lamb's high feast we sing



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
3. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can this de - stroy;



Who had washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - ced side;
Thou hast con - quered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in three.



Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Now no more can death ap - pal Now no more the grave en - thral!
Hymns of glo - ry and of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise;



Gives his bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the Priest.
Thou hast op - ened Pa - ra - dise, And in thee thy saints shall rise.
Ri - sen Lord, all praise to thee, With the Spi - rit, e - ver be.

Special Choral Recital at Evensong this Afternoon at 5:00 pm

Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza, and the choir will present *Rejoice in the Lamb* by composer **Benjamin Britten** (1913-1976) as a recital during the service.

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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