

Saint Thomas's Church

Easter Day

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



*Christ's appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection, Alexander Ivanov, 1834
State Russian Museum, St. Petersburg*

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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. James Shire
Reader: Ose Okoigun
Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

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

VOLUNTARY Saraband for the morning of Easter, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.**

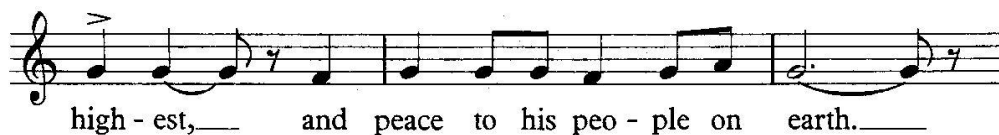
The Choir and People sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Quick and lively (♩ = c. 120)



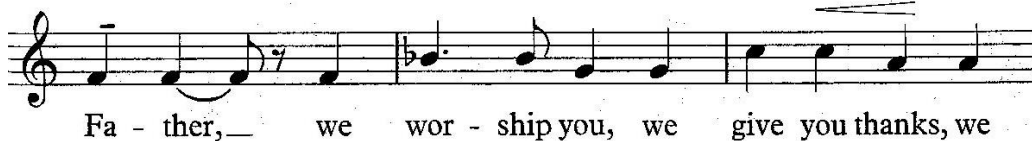
Organ *f* > Glo - ry to God in the



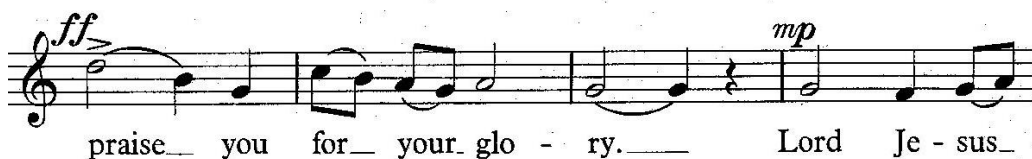
high - est, — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. —



Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and —



Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



ff praise — you for — your glo - ry. — *mp* Lord Je - sus —



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



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The People sit.

FIRST READING Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118.1-2, 14-24



The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has be-come my sal-va-tion.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy en-dures for ever,
Let Israel now pro-claim, "His mercy en-dures for ever." / R

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous;
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" / R

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. / R

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." / R

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This
is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has
acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. / R

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1-4

A reading from St Paul's Epistle to the Colossians:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where
Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20.1-18

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 with joy to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us who ask, "Victorious King, hear us."

Intercessor:

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations, we ask for _____ Andrew, Riscylla, and Kevin our bishops, and Charles our king. Also all of us who are through them beholden to you. Set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection.

Victorious King, hear us.

On this day remade by the Lord let us offer thanksgiving for _____ let us rejoice and be glad alleluia!

Victorious King, hear us.

Christ has offered one sacrifice for our broken world, for the sick in need of individual wholeness _____ let them accept from that gift healing to sanctification.

Victorious King, hear us.

Let the people see in you the Messiah they long for _____; fill all Creation with the knowledge of your glory.

Victorious King, hear us.

Christ our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights, remember _____ and receive them into the kingdom, into the city of God.

Victorious King, hear us.

Celebrant:

On this day Lord God, you opened for us the way to eternal life through your Son's victory over death. Grant that as we celebrate the feast of his resurrection we may be renewed by your Spirit and rise again in the light of life. We make our prayers through our Lord you Son who with you and the Spirit are one God, now and for ever. **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 153 - Jesus Christ is risen to-day

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia!*
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
Who did once upon the Cross *Alleluia!*
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia!*
Unto Christ, our heavenly King *Alleluia!*
Who endured the Cross and grave, *Alleluia!*
Sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*
- 3 But the pains which he endured *Alleluia!*
Our salvation have procured; *Alleluia!*
Now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia!*
Where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*
- 4 Sing we to our God above, *Alleluia!*
Praise eternal as his love; *Alleluia!*
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, *Alleluia!*
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

The Choir and People sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

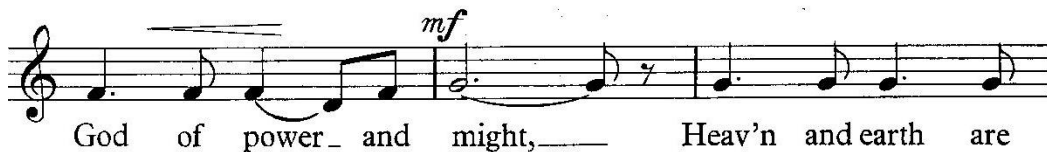
Flowing (♩ = c. 80)

mp



Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

mf



God of power_ and might, Heav'n and earth are

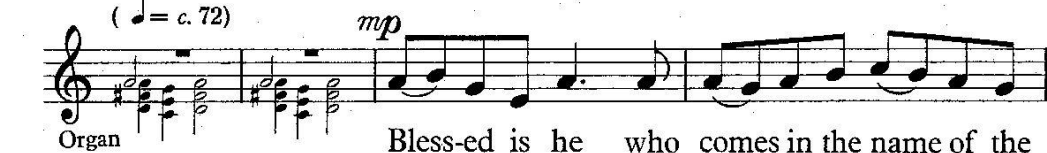
rit. f



full_ of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

(♩ = c. 72)

mp



Organ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

f



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Music by McNeil Robinson

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.

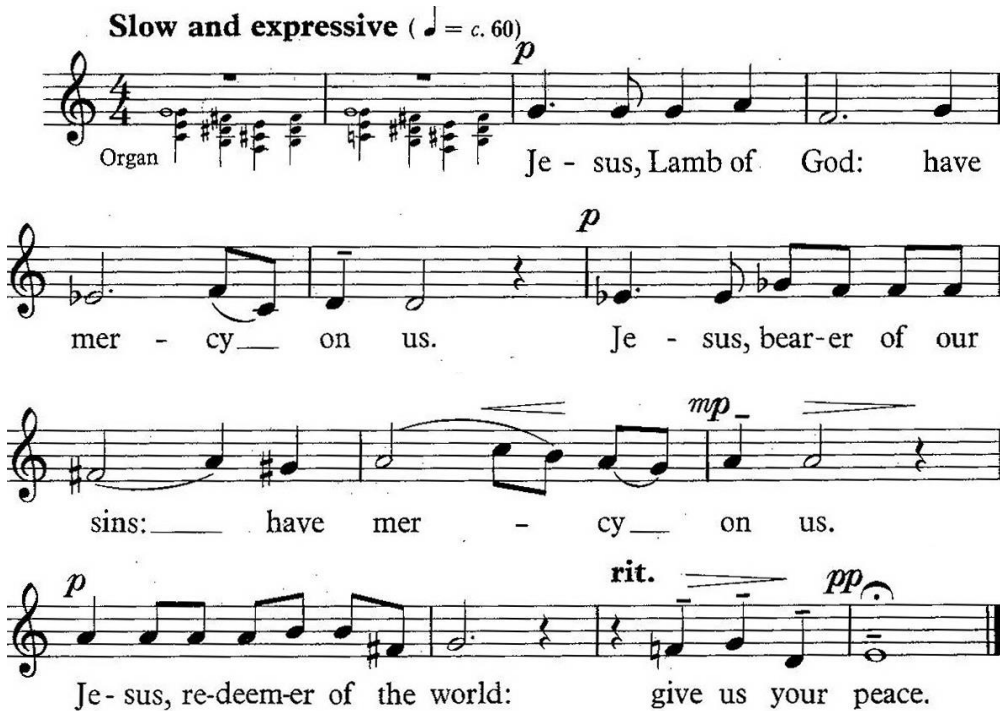
HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEI

Slow and expressive (♩ = c. 60) *p*



Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have

mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our

sins: have mer - cy on us.

p Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: *rit.* *pp* give us your peace.

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 'This Joyful Eastertide,' arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. (*Refrain.*)

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river: Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. (*Refrain.*)

George Woodward, 1894

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 life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. 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.

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

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

CONCLUDING 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!*

VULPIUS
Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch Jena 1609

Latin 17th century
Tr F. Pott 1832-1909

VOLUNTARY 'Carillon' from 24 Pièces en style libre, Op.31, Louis Vierne

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