

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The First Evensong of Saint Mary, the Virgin  
Sunday, August 14, 2022**

**Evensong & Devotions  
at 3:00 pm**



*The Dormition of the Virgin*  
by Ioannes Mokos (active 1680–1724)  
The Met, New York City

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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

*Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. Please inform the greeters prior to the start of the service if you require one. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.*



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

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Vicki Mazur (née Postulka),  
given by her daughter Yvonne and her family Matthew, Leocadia, and Isaac.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Carefoote  
**Organists:** Elizabeth Anderson & Manuel Piazza

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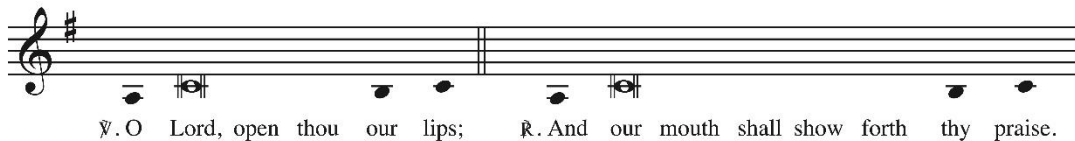
### GREEN STAGE PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

*The Diocese of Toronto has now entered the Green Stage, leaving all policies to the parishes. Masks, preferably N95 or KN95, are recommended, but optional. Please join in heartily in our congregational singing, following suit with the choir in their masking practices.*

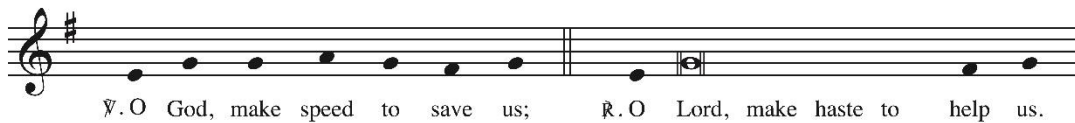
*Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.*

**PRELUDES:** Sicilienne, from *Suite pour orgue*, Op. 5, Maurice Duruflé  
Ave Maria, Victor Togni

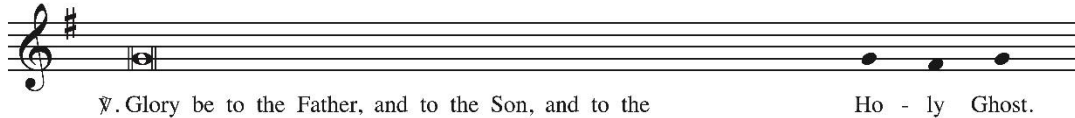
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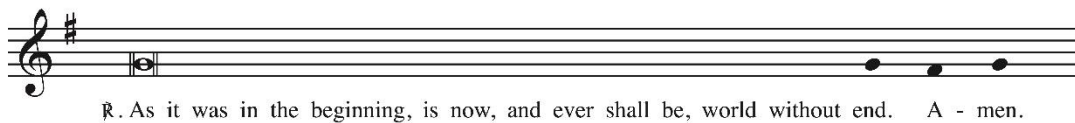
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



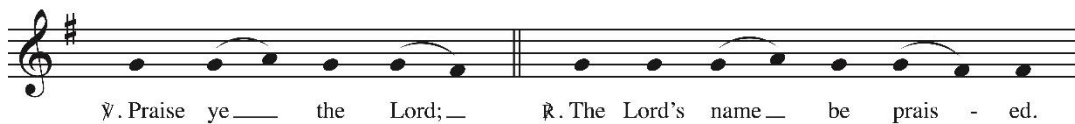
V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.



V. Praise ye the Lord; R. The Lord's name be prais - ed.

*The People sit when the Officiant sits. The Choir alone, standing, chants the Psalm.*

### PSALM 45

- 1 My heart is inditing of a good matter:  
I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
- 2 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 3 Thou art fairer than the children of men:  
full of grace are thy lips, because God hath bless'd thee for ever.
- 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty:  
according to thy worship and renown.

- 5 Good luck have thou with thine honour:  
ride on because of the word of truth, of meekness and righteousness,  
and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- 6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdu'd unto thee:  
even in the midst among the king's enemies.
- 7 They seat O God endureth for ever:  
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
- 8 Thou hast lov'd righteousness and hated iniquity:  
wherefore God, even thy God,  
hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes and cassia:  
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
- 10 King's daughters were among the honourable women:  
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold  
wrought about with divers colours.
- 11 Hearken O daughter and consider, incline thine ear:  
forget also thine own people and thy father's house.
- 12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty:  
for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
- 13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift:  
like as the rich also among the people,  
shall make their supplication before thee.
- 14 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.
- 15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework:  
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,  
and shall be brought unto thee.
- 16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought:  
and shall enter into the King's palace.
- 17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children:  
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
- 18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another:  
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee world without end.

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.

#### **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31. 1-14**

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Jeremiah, in the thirty first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.' For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and

raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

### **THE MAGNIFICAT**

Collegium Regale, *Herbert Howells*

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 19.23-27

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the nineteenth chapter beginning at the twenty third verse.

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

### NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale, *Herbert Howells*

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

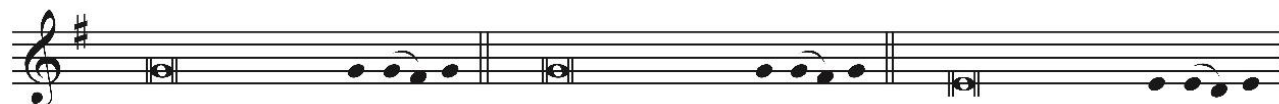
*The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

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 & LESSER LITANY



∿. The Lord be \_\_\_ with \_\_\_ you;    R̄. And with thy \_\_\_ spi - rit.    ∿. Let us pray.



∿. Lord, have mercy up-on us.    R̄. Christ, have mercy up-on us.    ∿. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

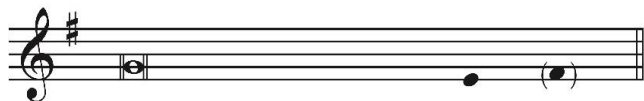
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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** Queen;  
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**.

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 Sprit **from** us.

## THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

O God most high, who didst endue with wonderful virtue and grace the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: Grant that we, who now call her blessed, may be made very members of the heavenly family of him who was pleased to be called the first-born among many brethren; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Collect of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Collect of Trinity IX*

## 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.**

## ANTHEM

*'Ave Maria,' Robert Parsons*

Hail, Mary, thou that art highly favoured, the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen. (Luke 1.28,42)

## 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 - Gracious Lady, you are blest

- Full* 1 Gracious Lady, you are blest with God's favour;  
In your womb all hopes shall rest - this world's Saviour;  
He shall save the world from sin, as the kingdom's ushered in.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*
- Upper* 2 Can it be I am God's choice? (Lowly maiden)?  
*Voices* How can God's Word use my voice to proclaim Him?  
Can the great God stoop to me: that the world His grace may see?  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*
- Lower* 3 Blessed Mother you shall be; God's own dwelling;  
*Voices* You, the rose whose sanctity, sweetly smelling  
Shall create the space on earth, for God's Son to come to birth.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*
- Upper* 4 Let it be then as you say; God me raises!  
*Voices* Let me now and every day, learn His praises.  
May the 'Yes' that I have giv'n be a pathway into heav'n.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*
- Lower* 5 Gracious Lady, your Amen is your blessing;  
*Voices* Your obedience, now as then love confessing.  
And that Love will you sustain, through the time of trial and pain.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*
- Full* 6 Mary, Mother of the Lord, God once called you  
To bring forth His holy Word, that enthralled you,  
May I too wait patiently for God's will to form in me.  
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.*

## DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

*ÆTERNA CHRISTI MUNERA*

- 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

*'I sat down under his shadow,' Edward C. Bairstow*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love. (Song of Solomon 2.3-4)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

*PICARDY*

- 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.*

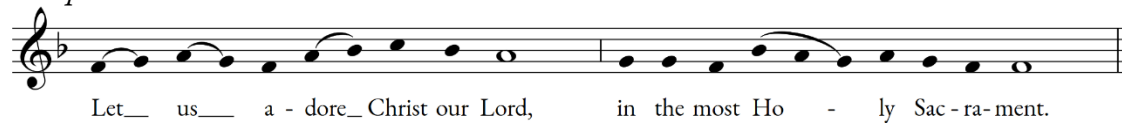
Thou gavest them Bread from hea-ven;  
**Containing in itself all sweet-ness.**

## 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.**

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

*Antiphon:*



O praise the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē 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** thē Ho-ly Ghost;

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

*All repeat the Antiphon.*