

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock**



*The Dormition of the Virgin*  
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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:*

*In loving memory of my brother David Clarke,  
and my parents, William John and Jean Clarke, by Susan Clarke;*

*and*

*In loving memory of Dorothy Walters Grange, Judith Claire Grange, and Eric Nisbet-Brown.*

**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Gospeller and Intercessor:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Cantor:** Jennifer McCallum  
**Reader:** Jessica Nee  
**Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

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*Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted by Covid regulations. The Cantor alone will make sung responses. All are encouraged to make the said responses.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – from the Mass of St Thomas, *Robert Fleming*

**PRELUDE:** 'Ave Maria,' from Five Liturgical Inventions, *Victor Togni*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 85. 8-13

- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say: /  
for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints,  
and unto them that turn their heart to him.
- 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, / that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together: / righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth springeth out of the earth; / and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the Lord shall give what is good; / and our land shall yield her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, / and shall direct his going in the way.

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.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say: /  
for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints,  
and unto them that turn their heart to him.

*Please kneel*

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The cantor sings*

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please stand*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

*Celebrant:* Glory be to God on high,

*People:* **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
*R / And with thy spirit.*

*Please remain standing for the Collects*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

**THE COLLECT OF TRINITY XI**

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7.10-15**

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

The word of the Lord.  
*R / Thanks be to God.*

*The Cantor alone sings:*

**PSALM: 132.6-10, 13-14**

- 6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrathah, / and found it in the fields of the Wood.  
7 We will go into his dwelling-place, / and fall low on our knees before his footstool.  
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place, / thou, and the ark of thy strength.  
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; / and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.  
10 For thy servant David's sake, / turn not away the face of thine anointed.  
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, /  
their children shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.'  
14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion; / he hath longed for her to be an habitation for himself:

**THE EPISTLE: Galatians 4.4-7**

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

The word of the Lord.  
**R / Thanks be to God.**

*The Cantor alone sings:*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1.46-55**

**R / Glory be to thee O Lord.**

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**R / Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant:* I believe in one God

*People:* **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Cantor alone*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 192 - The God whom earth, and sea, and sky

- 1 The God whom earth, and sea, and sky  
Adore, and laud, and magnify,  
Whose might they own, whose praise they swell,  
In Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.
- 2 The Lord whom sun and moon obey,  
Whom all things serve from day to day,  
Was by the Holy Ghost conceived  
Of her who through his grace believed.
- 3 How blest that Mother, in whose shrine  
The world's Creator, Lord Divine,  
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,  
Once deigned, as in his ark, to lie;
- 4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought,  
Blest by the work the Spirit wrought;  
From whom the great Desire of earth  
Took human flesh and human birth.
- 5 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Alleluia.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

*Please kneel*

### INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick\_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_, that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for\_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Eternal God, whose ear is open to the prayers of thy children: Be pleased to accept these our petitions according to the riches of thy grace, and for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*V* / The Lord be with you; *R* / **And with thy spirit.**

*V* / Lift up your hearts; *R* / **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*V* / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; *R* / **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Cantor sings:*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave



it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
R / **And with thy spirit.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

*Celebrant:* We do not presume

**to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

*The Cantor sings:*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

## MOTET

*Ave Verum Corpus, William Byrd*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen* (Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Cantor alone sings:*

## CONCLUDING HYMN 807 – Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

- 1 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly  
Virgin-Mother undefiled.  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
Who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest Mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made Flesh, our very Brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.
- 2 Sing of Jesus, Son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.  
Toil and labour cannot weary  
Love enduring unto death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,  
Though it drove him from her side,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.

- 3 Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus,  
Holy Mother's holier Son.  
From his throne in heaven he sees us,  
Thither calls us every one,  
Where he welcomes home his Mother  
To a place at his right hand,  
There his faithful servants gather,  
There the crownèd victors stand.
- 4 Joyful Mother, full of gladness,  
In thine arms thy Lord was borne.  
Mournful Mother, full of sadness,  
All thy heart with pain was torn.  
Glorious Mother, now rewarded  
With a crown at Jesus' hand,  
Age to age thy name recorded  
Shall be blest in every land.
- 5 Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessèd Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the Church the strain re-echoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends.

*HERMON*  
*Bp C. Venn Pilcher, 1935*

*Anon. c. 1914*

**POSTLUDE:** Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680, *J.S. Bach*