

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The First Evensong of  
the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist  
Sunday, August 28, 2022  
Evensong & Devotions  
at 3:00 pm**



*The Beheading of St John the Baptist*, Pierre-Cécile Puvis de Chavannes, 1869  
The National Gallery, London

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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



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

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Carmen and Lionel Hendrickson.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Carefoote  
**Interim Organist & Director of Music:** Elizabeth Anderson

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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.*

**PRELUDE:** Air from the Suite No. 3 in D major, *J. S. Bach*

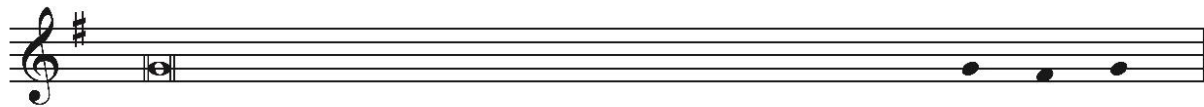
**PRECES**




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



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



∇. 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.



∇. 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 86

IV. 8.



- 1 Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; / for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am godly: /  
save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
- 3 Thou art my God; be merciful unto me, O Lord; /  
for all the day long do I call upon thee.
- 4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; / for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, /  
and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- 6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, /  
and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; / for thou hearest me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; /  
there is not one that can do as thou doest.
- 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord, /  
and shall glorify thy Name.
- 10 For thou art great and doest wondrous things: / thou art God alone.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: /  
O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
- 12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, /  
and will praise thy Name for ever- more.
- 13 For great is thy mercy toward me; /  
and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
- 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, /  
and a band of violent men have sought after my soul,  
and have not set thee before their eyes.
- 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, /  
long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and truth.
- 16 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; /  
give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.
- 17 Show some token upon me for good,  
that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed, /  
because thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted me.

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: Judges 16.28-30

The First Lesson is written in the book of Judges, in the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty eighth verse.

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, 'Lord God, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.' And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines.' He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

## THE MAGNIFICAT

The Village Service, *Vaughan Williams*

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: 1 Peter 3.13-18**

The Second Lesson is written in the First Epistle of Saint Peter, in the third chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

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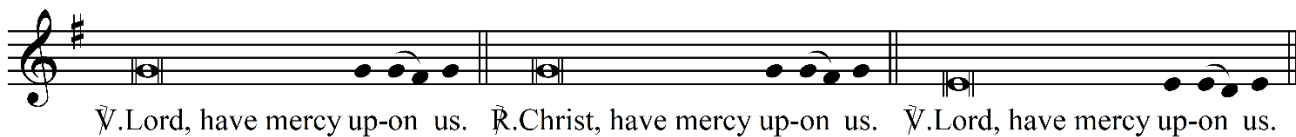
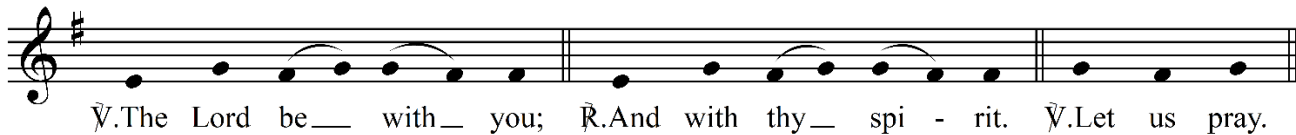
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / 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 AND LESSER LITANY

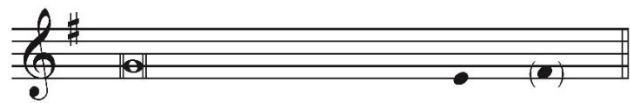


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 Spirit **from** us.

## THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

O God, who didst send thy messenger, John the Baptist, to be the forerunner of the Lord, and to glorify thee by his death: Grant that we, who have received the truth of thy most holy Gospel, may bear our witness thereunto, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect of the Beheading of St John the Baptist.*

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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Collect of Trinity XI*



## 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

'In Pace' *William Blitheman*

In peace in the very same, I will sleep and take my rest. If I give sleep to mine eyes and to mine eyelids slumber I will sleep and take my rest. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. (Responsory at Compline)

## 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 34 – O Gladsome Light

- 1 O Gladsome Light, O Grace  
Of God the Father's face  
The eternal splendour wearing;  
Celestial, holy, blest,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Joyful in thine appearing.
- 2 Now, ere day fadeth quite,  
We see the evening light,  
Our wonted hymn outpouring;  
Father of might unknown,  
Thee, his incarnate Son,  
And Holy Ghost adoring.
- 3 To thee of right belongs  
All praise of holy songs,  
O son of God, Lifegiver;  
Thee, therefore, O Most High,  
The world doth glorify,  
And shall exalt for ever.

*Nunc Dimittis*  
Composed or adapted by Louis Bourgeois in 1549

*Greek Hymn, c. 3<sup>rd</sup> cent.*  
Tr by Robert Bridges in *Yattendon Hymnal*, 1899

## 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

*'Ave verum corpus,' Gerald Near*

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

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:*

Let us a - dore Christ our Lord, in the most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment.

Tone VI

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody for the antiphon: "Let us adore Christ our Lord, in the most Holy Sacrament." The second staff is also a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It contains a melody for "Tone VI".

O PRÄISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yë 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<sup>^</sup>Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;

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

*[repeat antiphon]*