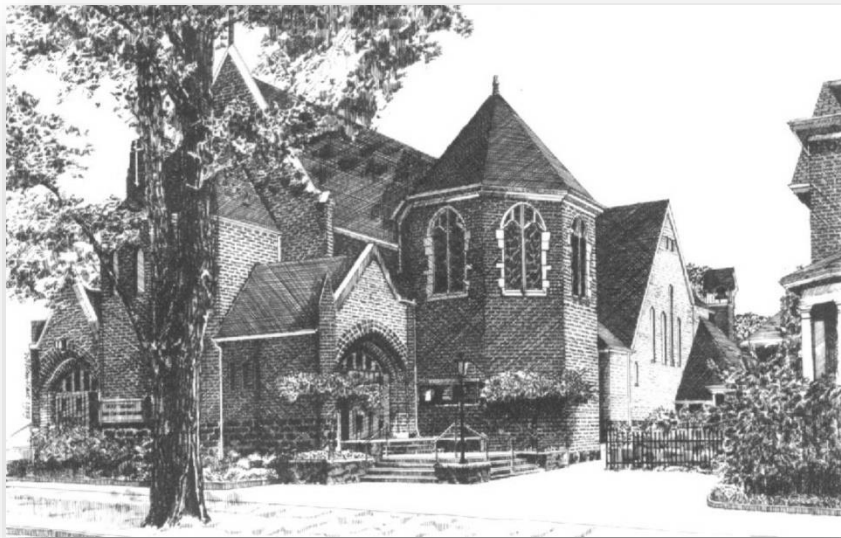


Saint Thomas's Church

**The Evensong of
The Beheading of St John the Baptist
Sunday, August 29, 2021**

on Zoom

**Evensong at 4:00 pm
followed by Coffee Hour**



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

They were given in loving memory of Arnold Heldt Jr., Marie Heldt, and Arnold Heldt Sr;

and

*In loving memory of Enid and Jim Houston, parents of Anna Kennedy
and Allen and Alice Kennedy, parents of Rob Kennedy.*

Officiant: Fr Humphrey
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Mark Wood-Salomon

HYMN 40 – Round me falls the night

- 1 Round me falls the night;
Saviour, be my light:
Through the darkness in hours shrouded
Let me see thy face unclouded;
Let thy glory shine
In this heart of mine.
- 2 Earthly work is done,
Earthly sounds are none;
Rest in sleep and silence seeking,
Let me hear thee softly speaking;
In my spirit's ear
Whisper, 'I am near.'
- 3 Blessèd, heavenly Light,
Shining though earth's night;
Voice, that oft of love hast told me;
Arms, so strong to clasp and hold me;
Thou thy watch wilt keep,
Saviour, o'er my sleep.

ARNSTADT
William Romanis, 1903

A. Dresse, 1698
Harmonized by S.S. Wesley

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 Holy Ghost;

R / **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

V / Praise ye the Lord;

R / **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PSALM 86, *Tone IV, 8*

- 1 Bow down 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 evermore.
- 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 sixteenth chapter of the book of Judges, beginning at the twenty-eighth verse.

Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be avenged upon the Philistines for one of my two eyes.” And Samson grasped the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and he leaned his weight upon them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people that were in it. So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he had slain during his life.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles, Tone VI

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 third chapter of the first epistle of Saint Peter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died^[a] for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit;

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles, Tone VI

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

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.**

V / The Lord be with you;

R / **And with thy spirit.**

V / Let us pray.

V / Lord, have mercy upon us.

R / **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

V / Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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 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.**

PRAYERS

(the General Thanksgiving may be said)

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