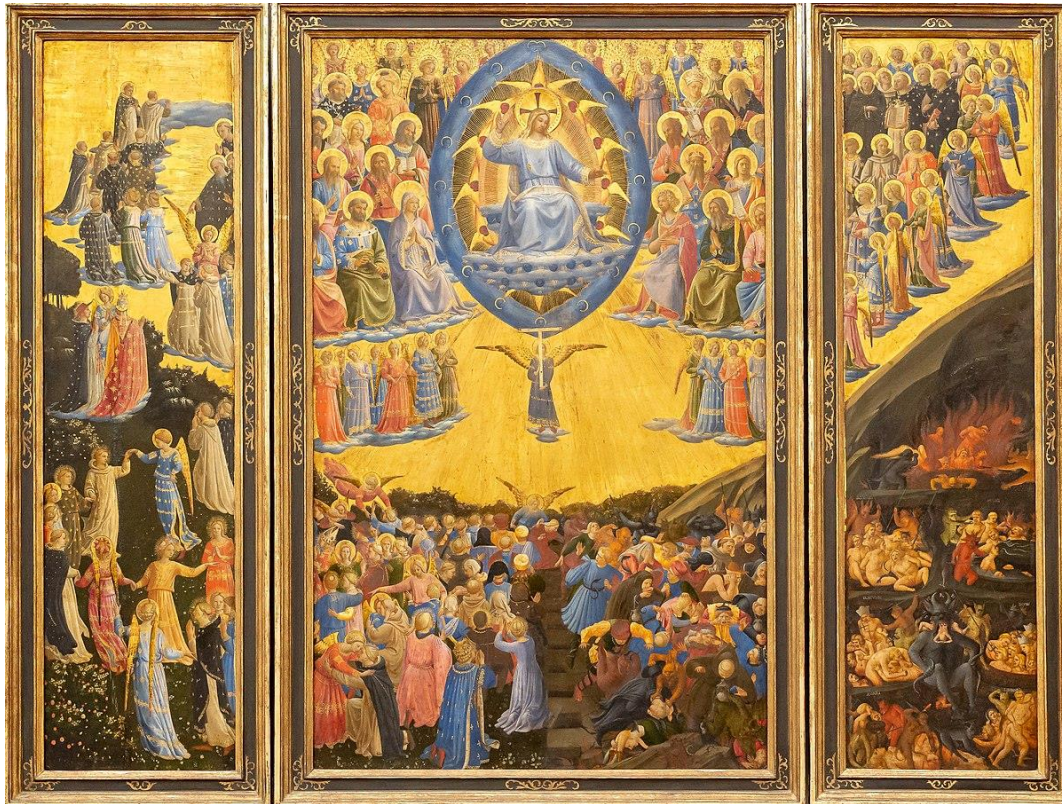


Saint Thomas's Church
The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 4, 2022
Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



The Last Judgement, winged altar piece by Fra Angelico, c. 1435
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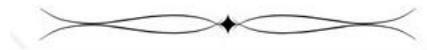
Welcome!

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



Officiant: Fr. Beyers
Interim Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson

VOLUNTARY: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, *J.S. Bach*

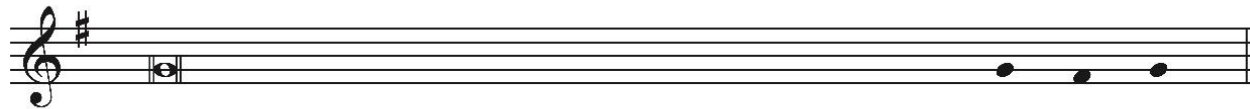
PRECES



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



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



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



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



∇. Praise ye — the Lord; — R̄. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The people sit when the officiant sits.

PSALM 98

I. 2.



Cantor 1 O SING unto the Lord a **new** song :
People for he hath done **mar-vel-lōus** things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his ho-ly arm : hath he gotten him-self
the vic-to-ry.

Cantor 3 The Lord hath declar-ed his sal-va-tion : his righteousness hath he openly
shown in the sight **of** the nā-tiōns.

- People* 4 He hath remember-ed his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Is-ra-el : and all the ends of the world have seen the salva-**tion** of oür Göd.
- Cantor* 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all **ye** lands : sing, re-**joice**, and give thänks.
- People* 6 Praise the Lord upon **the** harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanks-giv-ing.
- Cantor* 7 With trumpets also and the sound of **the** horn : O show yourselves joyful be-**fore** the Lörd, the^King.
- People* 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is **there**-in : the round world, and **they** that dwell there^in.
- Cantor* 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before **the** Lord : for he is **come** to jüdge the^eärth.
- People* 10 With righteousness shall he judge **the** world : and the peo-**ples** with ë-qui^tÿ.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly^Ghöst;
- People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end. Ä-mën.

PSALM 99

IV. 4.



- Cantor* 1 THE LORD is Kïng; let the **peo**-ples trem-ble :
People he sitteth upon the cherubim; let **the** earth be mov-ed.
- 2 The Lord is **great** in Si-on : and high a-**bove** all the peo-ples.
- Cantor* 3 Let them give thanks un-**to** thy Name : which is great and wonderful; **for** he is ho-ly.
- People* 4 The King's power loveth judge-mënt; thou dost es-**tab**-lish e-qui^tÿ : thou dost execute judgement and righ-**teous**-ness in Ja-cob.
- Cantor* 5 O magnify the **Lord** our God : and fall down before his footstool; **for** he is ho-ly.
- People* 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call up-**on** his Name : these call-ed upon the **Lord**, and he heard them.
- Cantor* 7 He spake unto them out of the **cloud**-y pil-lar : for they kept his testimonies, and the **law** that he gave them.

People 8 Thou heardest them, O **Lord** our God : thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst **pun-ish** their do-ings.

Cantor 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his **ho-ly** hill : for the Lord **our** God is ho-ly.

People Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : **and** to the Ho-ly[^]Ghost;

Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev-er** shall be :

People world **with-out** end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5.18-end

The First Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

Ah, you who drag iniquity along with cords of falsehood, who drag sin along as with cart-ropes, who say, 'Let him make haste, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the plan of the Holy One of Israel hasten to fulfilment, that we may know it!' Ah, you who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Ah, you who are wise in your own eyes, and shrewd in your own sight! Ah, you who are heroes in drinking wine and valiant at mixing drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of their rights! Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will become rotten, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the instruction of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and struck them; the mountains quaked, and their corpses were like refuse in the streets. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

He will raise a signal for a nation far away, and whistle for a people at the ends of the earth; Here they come, swiftly, speedily! None of them is weary, none stumbles, none slumbers or sleeps, not a loincloth is loose, not a sandal-thong broken; their arrows are sharp, all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs seem like flint, and their wheels like the whirlwind. Their roaring is like a lion, like young lions they roar; they growl and seize their prey, they carry it off, and no one can rescue. They will roar over it on that day, like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land - only darkness and distress; and the light grows dark with clouds.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons *William Byrd*

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: 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.8

The second Lesson is written in St Paul's second epistle to Timothy, in the third chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fauxbourdons *William Byrd*

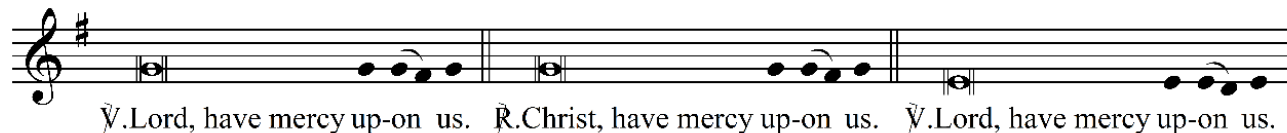
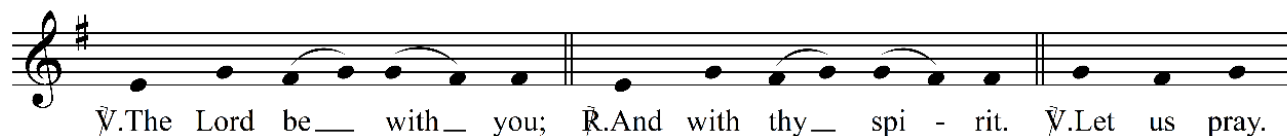
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and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



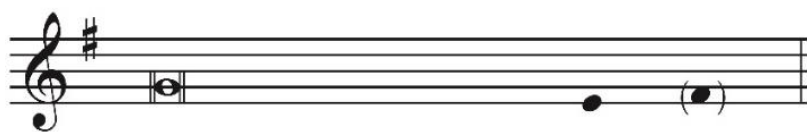
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



♩. O Lord, show thy mercy up-**on** us;

♪. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

♩. O Lord, save **the** King,

♪. And mercifully hear us when we call up-**on** thee.

♩. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**ness.

♪. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

♩. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

♪. And bless thine inhe-**ri**tance.

♩. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;

♪. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

℣. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;
℞. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

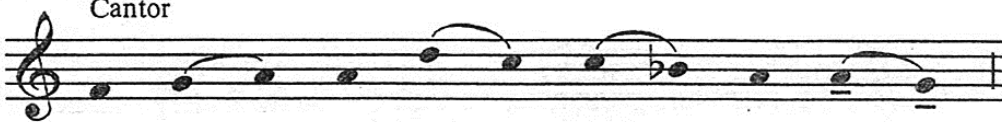
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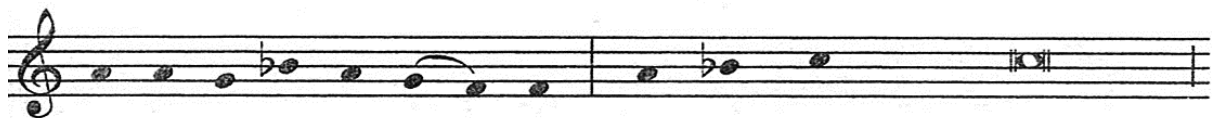
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Tutti




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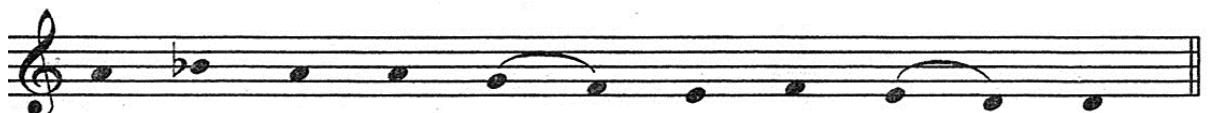
Verse 1(men) 
Be not wroth ve - ry sore, O Lord, neither remember

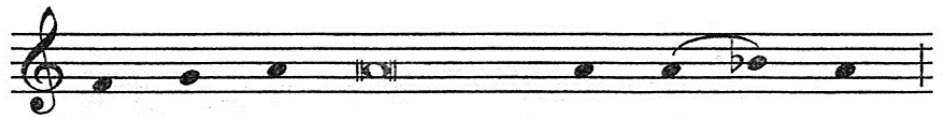

in - in - i - qui - ty for ev - er: thy ho - ly cities are a wilderness,



Zi-on is a wil - der-ness. Je - ru - sa-lem a de - so-la - tion:



our holy and our beau-ti-ful house, where our fa - thers prais-ed thee.


Antiphon
(tutti) 
Drop down, ye heav'ns from a - bove, *


and let the skies pour down righ- teous - ness.

Verse 2 (women) 
We have sinnéd and are as an un - clean thing,


and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind,

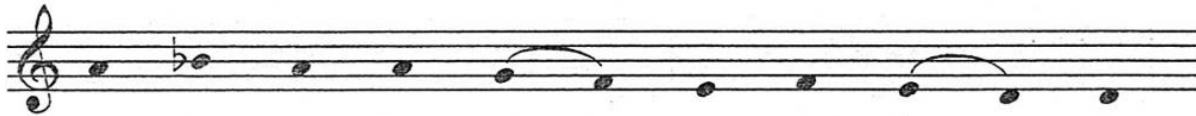

have tak - en us a - way; thou hast hid thy face from us:


and hast consuméd us, be- cause of our in - i - qui - ties.

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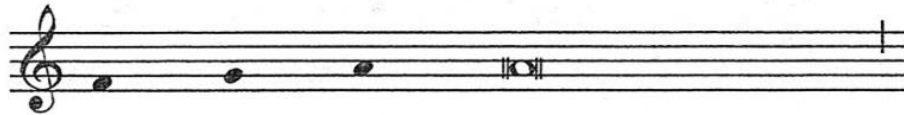


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and let the skies pour down righ- teous - ness.

Verse 3 (men)



Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,



and my servant, whom I have chos - en: that ye may



know me and be - lieve me; I, ev - en I, am the Lord,



and beside me there is no Sa - viour: and there is



none that can de - liv - er out of my hand.

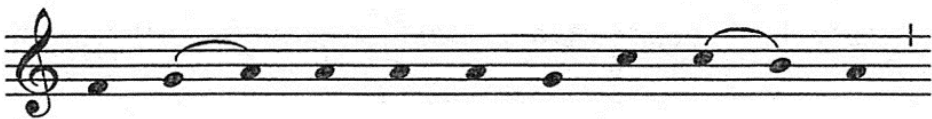
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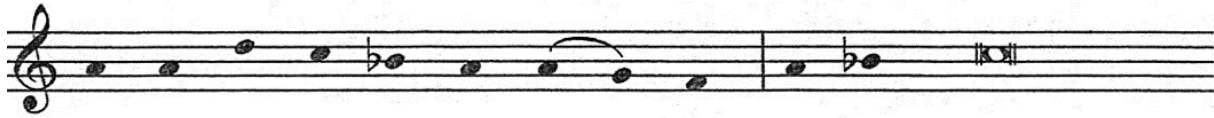
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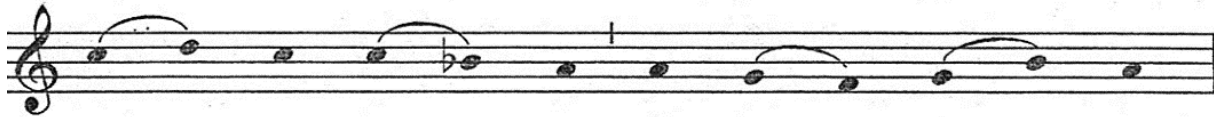
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Verse 4 (women) 

Com- fort__ ye, com- fort ye, my peo - ple,



my sal - va - tion shall not tar - ry: I have blotted out



as__ a thick__ cloud thy trans - gres - sions:



Fear not,__ for I will save__ thee:__ for I__ am__ the



Lord thy__ God, the Holy One of Is - ra - el, thy__ Re - deem - er.

Antiphon 

Drop down,__ ye heav'ns from__ a - bove, *



and let the skies pour__ down righ- teous - ness.

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 61 – Jesus came – the heavens adoring

1 Jesus came – the heavens adoring –
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
When our hearts are bowed with care:
Jesus comes again in answer
To our earnest heart-felt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leadings souls redeemed to heaven;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.
- 4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
Let us then our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.

S^t Thomas
J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

Rev. Godfrey Thring, 1862

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

S^t VENANTIUS

- 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

‘Audiui vocem de caelo,’ *Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)*

Audiui vocem de caelo venientem: venite omnes virgines sapientissime; oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit. Media nocte clamor factus est: ecce sponsus venit.

I heard a voice from heaven loud proclaiming: arise ye virgins, ye wise virgins. On midnight silence loudly broke a cry. Lo! the bridegroom cometh.

(Matthew 25.6)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

AD PERENNIS VITAE FONTEM

- 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:

Cantor

People

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second is for the People. Both are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us adore Christ our Lord, in the most Holy Sacrament." The second staff is labeled "Tone VI" and shows a melodic line with a repeat sign.

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^Lord.

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

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

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.