

Saint Thomas's Church

The Naming of Jesus

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, by an unknown artist, c. 1633
Museu de São Roque, Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa

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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. 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 on the High Altar in memory of Ernie & Betty Jesshope and George & Jean Cushing;

and

*Those at the Lady Altar in loving memory of Sarah and Harold Millar,
by their granddaughter Charis Kelso.*



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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Ipema
Reader: Georgiana Beal
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS: Community Mass, *Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

VOLUNTARY: O blessed day when first was poured, *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

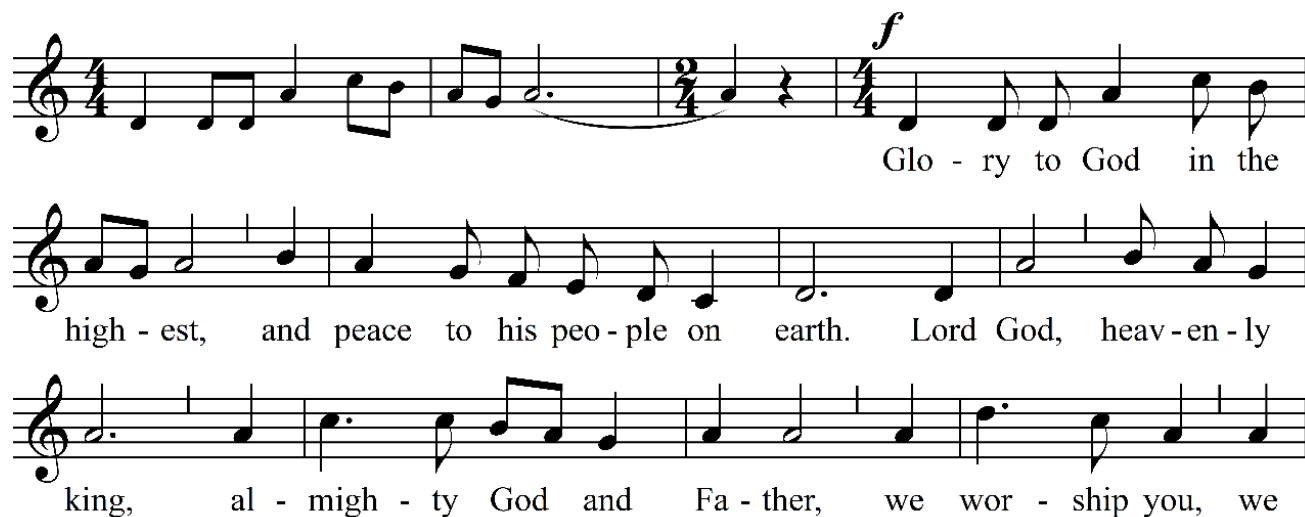
And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly
king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

p
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on

us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:

re-ceive our pray'r, re-ceive, re-ceive our pray'r.

f
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-

lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

A - - - men. A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Numbers 6.22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers:

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 8



Response: **O Lord, our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. **R/.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out? You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honour; **R/.**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet; All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. **R/**.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.

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

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The People stand. The choir will sing the first three Alleluias, followed by the people; a cantor will sing the verse and then all sing the final three Alleluias.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. God spoke of old by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2.15-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The People remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: In this joyful season, let us bring our thoughts, prayers and supplications to our Lord God, knowing that He is hearing us better than we are speaking.

Intercessor: For the Church in the world, _____, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, _____, in the Diocesan Cycle, for Andrew our Bishop, Nathan, our Rector, James, our Interim Associate Priest and all who work tirelessly for the Church and for the glory of God. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all in authority in the world, our country, province, and city. Let us thank God for guiding us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and place the common good before personal gains. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's blessings upon the world, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning; and for all others we now name, silently or aloud. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all those in need, for the sick _____, for all those suffering due to the pandemic and the lack of adequate healthcare; for victims of warfare and violence, the elderly, refugees and migrants, prisoners, for the oppressed, those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in God's eternal presence and love. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask 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 your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, help us be mindful of the blessings already present in our lives, and look with hope and gratitude towards the grace that awaits us in the eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 357 – At the Name of Jesus

- 1 At the Name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

- 2 At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

- 3 Humbled for a season
To receive a Name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed:

- 4 Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height;
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

- 5 Name him, brothers, name him,
With love as strong as death,

But with awe and wonder,
And with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

6 In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
Crown him as your Captain
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

7 Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

KING'S WESTON
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

Caroline M. Noel, 1870

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, the name of Jesus brings salvation to the world. In all we offer you this day, may we honour him, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The— Lord be— with— you. And— al - so with you.

The first line of the musical score is in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two parts: the Celebrant and the People. Both parts feature a melodic line on a treble clef staff. The Celebrant's part begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. The People's part begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. A double bar line separates the two parts.

Celebrant *People*
Lift— up your hearts. We lift— them to— the Lord.—

The second line of the musical score continues the melody. The Celebrant part starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. The People part starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. A double bar line separates the two parts.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks— to the Lord— our God.

The third line of the musical score features the Celebrant part starting with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. The melody continues with quarter notes on G4, A4, Bb4, and C5, followed by a half note on Bb4.

People
It is right— to give our thanks and praise.—

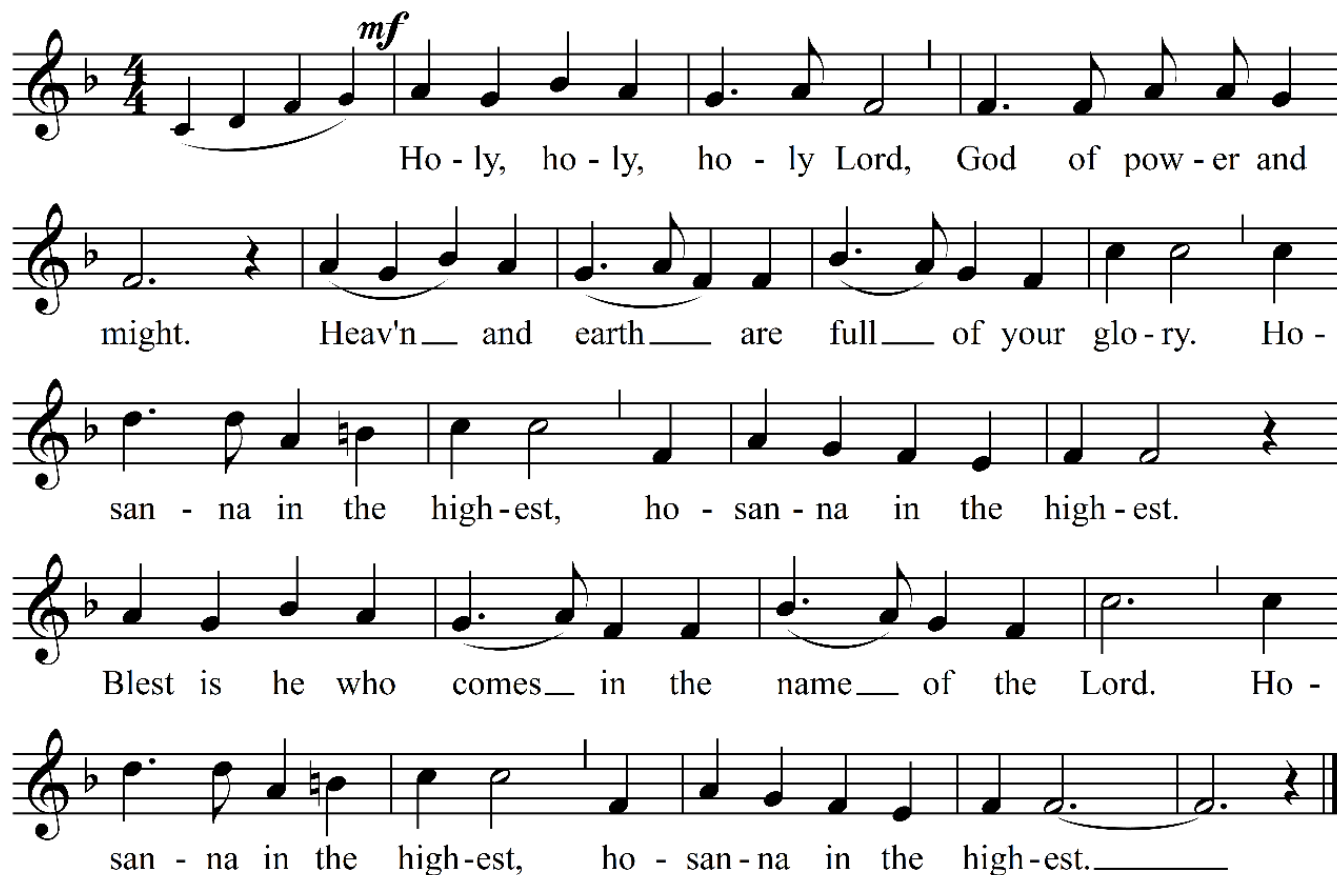
The fourth line of the musical score features the People part starting with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note on Bb4. The melody continues with quarter notes on G4, A4, Bb4, and C5, followed by a half note on Bb4.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



mf
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav'n___ and earth___ are full___ of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is he who comes___ in the name___ of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by McNeil Robinson

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en,	
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,	
on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins	
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,	

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are ___ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The people and Choir sing:

AGNUS DEI

mp
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, grant us ___ peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.
Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left*

palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

MOTET: Personent hodie, *Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

Personent hodie Voces puerulæ, Laudantes jucunde Qui nobis est natus, Summo Deo datus, Et de virgineo ventre procreatus. In mundo nascitur, Pannis involvitur, Præsepi ponitur Stabulo brutorum, Rector supernorum. Perdidit spolia princeps infernorum. Magi tres venerunt, Parvulum inquirunt, Bethlehem adeunt, Stellulam sequendo, Ipsum adorando, Arum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo. Omnes clericuli, Pariter pueri, Cantent ut angeli: Advenisti mundo, Laudes tibi fundo. Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Let children's voices resound today, merrily praising him who has been born, sent by almighty God and brought forth from a virgin's womb. He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and placed in the manger in a cattle shed, the Lord of the heavens, the Prince who destroyed the spoils of hell Three wise men appeared; they offered gifts and asked for a boy-child, following a star; they worshipped him, offering him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let all the clerics, and likewise the boys, sing like the angels: "You have come to the world; therefore I pour out praises to you: Glory to God in the highest!"

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may turn always to that name which is above all others, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his light and peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 377 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus – the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks – and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy Name.

RICHMOND
Adapted from T. Haweis by S. Webbe (the younger)

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1740

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.

VOLUNTARY: In dir ist Freude, BWV 615, *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*