

Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



Jesus healing the Paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda,
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, c. 1670
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



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Officiant: Fr. Don Beyers
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

VOLUNTARY


Prelude in G Major, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The People stand at the sound of the bell.

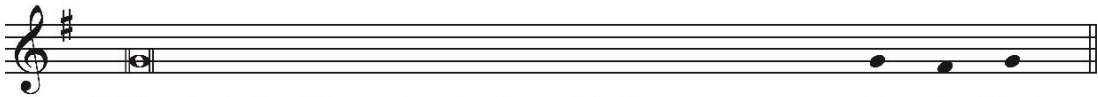
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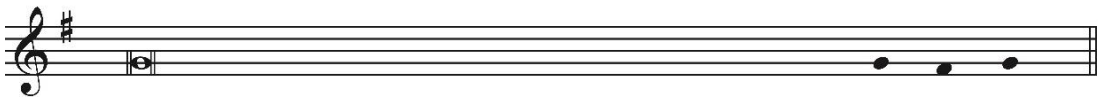
∇. O Lord, open thou our lips; R̄. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



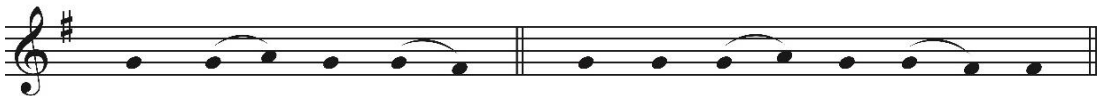
∇. O God, make speed to save us; R̄. O Lord, make haste to help us.



∇. 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 34

Benedicam Domino.

V. 3.



- Cantor* 1 I WILL always give thanks unto the **Lord** :
People his praise shall ever **be** in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the **Lord** :
the humble shall hear there-**of** and be glad.
- Cantor* 3 O praise the Lord with **me** : and let us magnify his **Name** to-**geth-er**.
- People* 4 I sought the Lord, and he **heard** me :
yea, he deliver-**ed** me **out** of all my[^] fears.
- Cantor* 5 O look unto him and be **light-en**[^]ed :
and your faces shall not **be** a-sham-ed.
- People* 6 This poor man cri-ed, and the Lord **heard** him :
yea, and sa-ved him out of **all** his trou-bles.
- Cantor* 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that **fear** him :
and de-**liv-er**-eth them.
- People* 8 O taste and see how gracious the **Lord** is :
bless-ed is the man that **trust**-eth in him.
- Cantor* 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his **saints** :
for they that fear **him** lack no-thing.
- People* 10 The lions do lack, and suffer **hun-ger** :
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of **thing**
that is good.
- Cantor* 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto **me** :
I will teach you the **fear** of the Lord.
- People* 12 What man is he that desireth to **live** : and would **fain** see good days?
- Cantor* 13 Keep thy tongue from **e-vil** : and thy lips, **that** they speak no[^]guile.
- People* 14 Depart from evil, and do **good** : seek peace, **and** pur-sue it.
- Cantor* 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the **righ-teous** :
and his ears are open **un-to** their prayers.
- People* 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do **e-vil** :
to root out the remembrance of **them** from the earth.

Cantor 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord **hear**-eth^them :
and delivereth them out of **all** their trou-bles.

People 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite **heart** :
and will save such as be of an **hum**-ble spi-rit.

Cantor 19 Great are the troubles of the **right**-eous :
but the Lord delivereth **him** out of all.

People 20 He keepeth all his **bones** : so that not one of **them** is bro-ken.

Cantor 21 But misfortune shall slay the un-**god**-ly :
and they that hate the righteous **shall** be de-so^late.

People 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his **ser**-vants :
and all they that put their trust in him shall **not** be des-ti^tute.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho-ly^Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 3.5-end

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

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in B^b, Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

John 4.43 - 5.9

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the forty third verse.

When the two days were over, Jesus went from that place to Galilee (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honour in the prophet's own country). When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival. Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, 'Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.' The official said to him, 'Sir, come down before my little boy dies.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your son will live.' The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.

As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, 'Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.' The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, 'Your son will live.' So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee. After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in B^b, Charles Villiers Stanford

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,

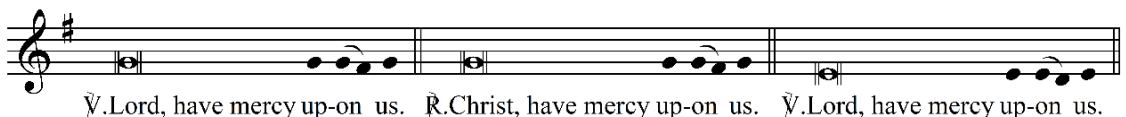
I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
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 be___ with___ you; R.And with thy___ spi - rit. V.Let us pray.

The People kneel.



♩.Lord, have mercy up-on us. R.Christ, have mercy up-on us. V.Lord, have mercy up-on us.

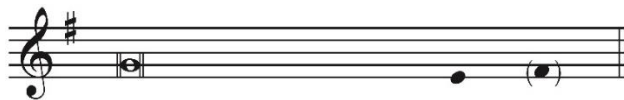
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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.**

ANTHEM 'O for a closer walk with God,' Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

The People kneel.

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

closer alkup 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

The People stand.

HYMN 18

Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

All 1 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if thou be near;
O may no earthborn cloud arise,
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

All 2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast!

Upper 3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
Voices For without thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without thee I dare not die.

Lower 4 If some poor wandering child of thine
Voices Have spurned to-day the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

All 5 Watch by the sick, enrich the poor
With blessings from thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep tonight,
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

All 6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take,
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

ABENDS
Sir Herbert S. Oakeley, 1874

Rev. John Keble, 1820

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

HEREFORD

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 'Jesu, the very thought is sweet,' Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Jesu, the very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart-joys meet. No word is sung more sweet than this, No sound is heard more full of bliss, Than Jesu, Son of God most high.

(from Jesu, dulcis memoria, tr. J.M. Neale)

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

GRAFTON

- 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.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
 Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
 Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People



Let us adore Christ our Lord, in the most Holy Sacrament.

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[^]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** ënd. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.

The People remain kneeling as the Sacrament is carried to the Lady Altar and reposed.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

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

*Those on the High Altar in loving remembrance of Lilian Wei-Chee Goh,
from her husband Swee Chua;*

and

*Those on the Lady Altar are in memory of Marigrace and
John David Campbell Ross, and Robert Thorne Bodie, by Robert Ross.*

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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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