# Saint Thomas's Church

# The Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2024 Sung Mass at 9:30 am



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# Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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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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**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Nathan Humphrey

Reader: Michael Rowland Intercessor: Evelyn Chau

Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

#### MUSIC OF THE MASS

Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

#### **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 and Choir sing:

# Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly





# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 3.1-10

A reading from the first book of the prophet Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your

servant is listening." 'So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 139.1-5, 12-17**

The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.



You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. *Refrain*.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *Refrain*.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. *Refrain*.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. *Refrain*.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Refrain*.

A reading from St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians:

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

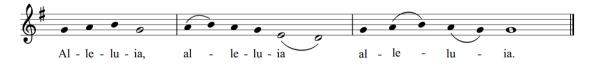
The word of the Lord.

# 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

The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.



*Verse:* We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. *Repeat Alleluias.* 

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1.43-51

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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:
Sisters and Brothers in Christ, as we embrace the hope and joyful revelation that is
Epiphany, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community all of humanity.
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Intercessor:
For the Church in the world, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, in the Diocesan Cycle, for all who proclaim the word of truth,
Andrew, Riscylla, and Kevin our bishops, and for those who worship, volunteer and minister in our church, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ. (Silence)
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, those with anniversaries of baptism or ordination this week, for all struggling to follow the way of Christ and for whom we are asked to pray let us ask the gifts of the life-giving Spirit. (Silence.)
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Guide and direct our governors and leaders; for Charles, King of Canada and for all those in civil authority in our nation, province and city; aid them in administering justice and peace in our world. (Silence.)
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Bless and protect those who live in the shadow of war, in particular Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan; for those affected by weather-related disasters, for all who suffer from prejudice, unrest or calamity, deliver this world and delay no longer. (Silence.)
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

For scholars and researchers, for medical care-givers, that their work may comfort the sick named today let us ask the light and love of the Lord. For all care-givers, guests and volunteers of the Friday Food Ministry and food banks in the world; lead us all to serve the needs of our fellow humans, loving them as ourselves. (Silence.)
Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for the people, neighbours and friends of this parish, those who are with us in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning. [We give thanks especially on this day for] And for other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud (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 in our lives, and look with faith and hope towards the grace that awaits us in the eternal kingdom. <b>Amen</b> .

# 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 396**

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
  Great David's greater Son!
  Hail, in the time appointed,
  His reign on earth begun!
  He comes to break oppression,
  To set the captive free;
  To take away transgression,
  And rule in equity.
- 2 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth: Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go; From hill to vale the fountains Of righteousness o'erflow.

CRÜGER Johann Crüger, 1640

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed

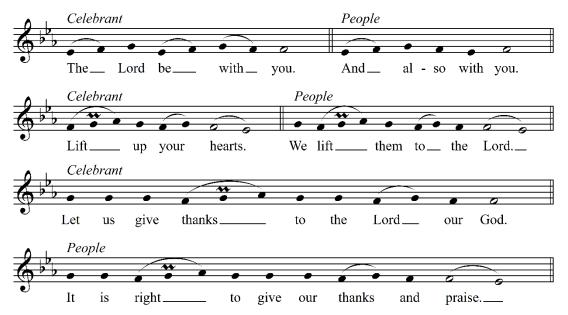
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing; To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er every foe victorious,
  He on his throne shall rest,
  From age to age more glorious,
  All-blessing and all-blest.
  The tide of time shall never
  His covenant remove;
  His Name shall stand for ever,
  His changeless Name of Love.

James Montgomery, 1821

# PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

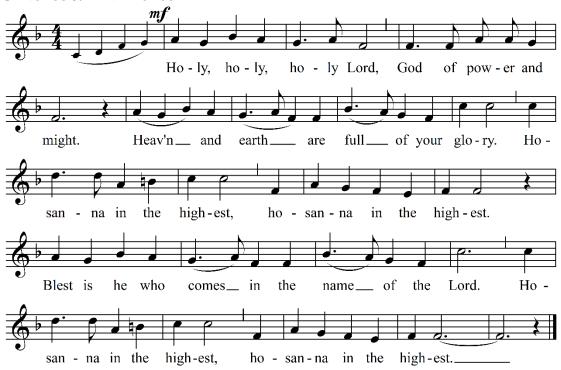
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

# **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**



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."

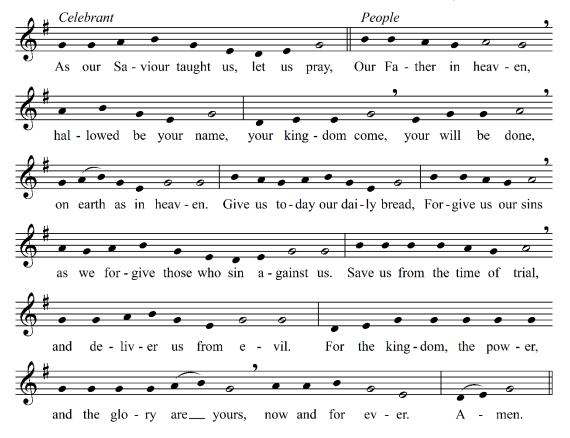
Therefore, Father, according to his command:

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



# 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.

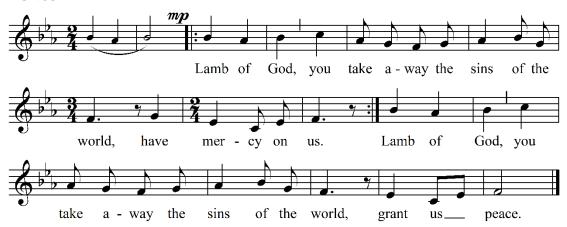
# **HOLY COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

# The People and Choir sing:

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### **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

Come, my Way, my truth, my life: Such a way, as gives us breath: Such a truth, as ends all strife: Such a life, as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: such a feast, as mends in length: Such a strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move: Such a love, as none can part: Such a heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

#### **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.

The People stand.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of Glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# **DOXOLOGY**

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 576**

# Take my life, and let it be

- 1 Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.
- Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
  Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store: Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all, for thee.

SONG 13 Orlando Gibbons, 1623 Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

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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