

Saint Thomas's Church
The Second Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, January 15, 2023
High Mass at 11 o'clock



6th century mosaic depicting the Lamb of God
Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

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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 loving remembrance of Lilian Wei-Chee Goh,
from her husband Swee Chua;*

and

Those on the Lady Altar are in loving remembrance of Janice Elizabeth Fortner.

Once a bright light in my life, now forever a memory in my heart.

Given by her mother, Nancy Fortner.



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have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
 re - ceive our _____ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,
 have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art_ ho - ly; thou on - ly_ art the Lord;
 thou on - ly,___ O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art _____ most _____ high
 in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er.____ A _____ men.____

The People kneel for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

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.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49.1-7

The First Lesson is written in the forty-ninth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah,
 beginning at the first verse.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called
 me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my
 mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished
 arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in
 whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength

for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 40.1-14

Expectans expectavi
 IV. 8.



- Cantor* 1 I WAIT-ed patiently **for** the Lord :
- People* and he inclin-ed unto me, and heard my **cäll**-ing.
- 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the **mire** and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and order-ed my **gö**-ings.
- Cantor* 3 And he hath put a new song **in** my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto **öür** God.
- People* 4 Many shall see **it** and fear : and shall put their trust in **thë** Lord.
- Cantor* 5 Bless-ed is the man that hath set his hope **in** the Lord : and turn-ed not unto the proud, and to such as go a-**böüt** with[^]lies.
- People* 6 O Lord my God, many are the wondrous works which thou hast döne, like as be also thy thoughts which **are** to us-ward : and there is none to be compar-ed **ün**-to[^]thee.
- Cantor* 7 If I should declare them and **speak** of them : they should be more than I am able **tö** ex[^]press.
- People* 8 Sacrifice and offering thou **would**-est not : but mine ears hast thou **ö**-pen[^]-ed.
- Cantor* 9 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou **not** re-quir-ed : then said I, '**Lö**, I[^]come;
- People* 10 In the volume of the book it is written of mē; I delight to fulfil thy will, **O** my God : yea, thy law is with-**in** my[^]heart.'
- Cantor* 11 I have declar-ed thy righteousness in the great **con**-gre-ga-tion : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou **knöw**-est.

- People* 12 I have not hid thy righteousness with-**in** my heart : my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy sal-**vä**-tion.
- Cantor* 13 I have not kept back thy loving mer-**cy** and truth : from the great cong-**gä**-tion.
- People* 14 Withdraw not thou thy mercies from **me**, O Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always pre-**sërve** me.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of the St Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse.

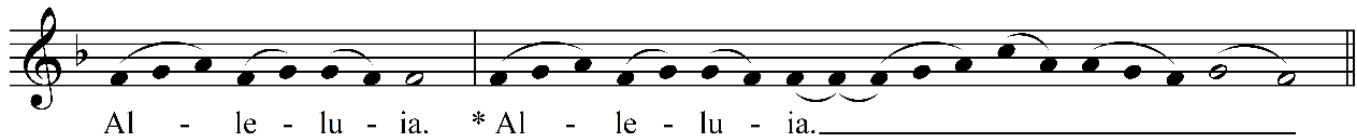
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia. Alleluia. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God. *Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1.29-42

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the twenty ninth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - - - ven,
 And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fath - er. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry
 to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.
 And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, The Giv - er of Life,
 Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fath - er and the Son, Who with the Fath - er and the Son
 to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed, Who spake by the Pro - - phets.
 And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic, and A - po - sto - lic Church.
 I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for
 the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 572 – O Jesus, I have promised

All 1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my Guide.

Upper 2 O let me feel thee near me:
Voices The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

Lower 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
Voices To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

All 4 O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer for _____, according to the Diocesan prayer cycle for _____, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the King and for all in civil authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____ [We give thanks especially for_____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by thy Holy Spirit thou hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to thy power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,

Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end. A - men. ___

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume
to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

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

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy 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.

MOTET: 'The Lamb,' John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing,
woolly, bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb,
who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is callèd
by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb He is meek and he is mild; He became a little
child. I a child and thou a lamb, We are callèd by his name. Little Lamb, God Bless Thee!
Little Lamb, God Bless Thee!

(William Blake)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 487 – Come down, O Love divine

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Down Ampney
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Bianco da Siena, d. 1434
Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale, Jr., 1867

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

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

CONCLUDING HYMN 5 – Christ, whose glory fills the skies

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

RATISBON
Werner's Choralbuch, 1815

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1740

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

VOLUNTARY: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*