

Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



Jesus Heals a Leper, from *Sermons of Maurice de Sully*, c. 1330
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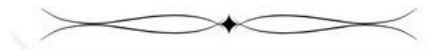
Welcome!

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



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;*

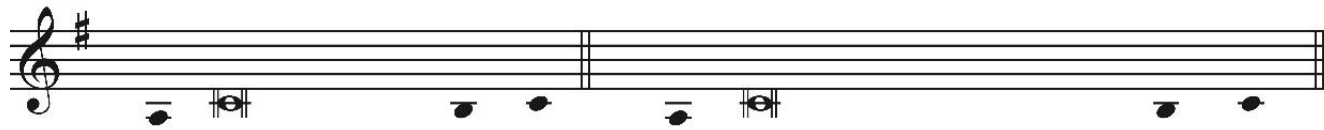
and

*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.*


Officiant: Fr. Mitchell
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern, *S. Karg-Elert*

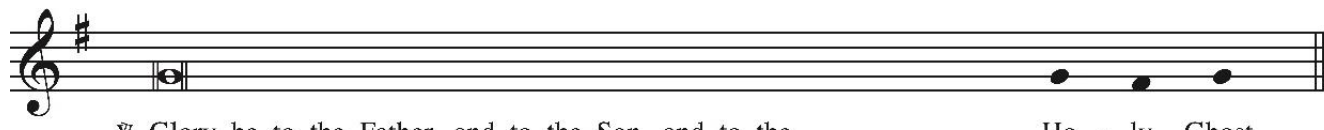
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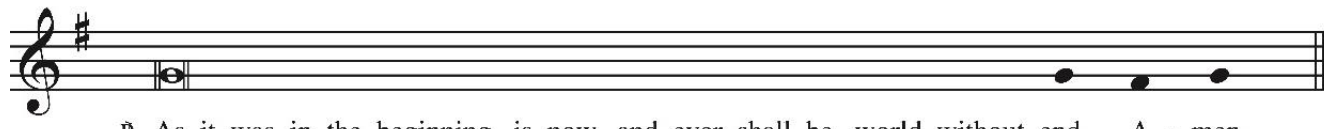
℣. O Lord, open thou our lips; ℞. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



℣. O God, make speed to save us; ℞. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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



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



℣. Praise ye — the Lord; — ℞. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The People sit when the Choir sits.

PSALM 34. *Benedicam Domino.*

V. 3.



- Cantor* 1 I WILL alway 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 **right-eous** : 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 **righ-teous** : 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^l-ate.

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^t-ute.

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: Isaiah 44.6-23

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, in the forty fourth chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. All who make idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit; their witnesses neither see nor know. And so they will be put to shame. Who would fashion a god or cast an image that can do no good? Look, all its devotees shall be put to shame; the artisans too are merely human. Let them all assemble, let them stand up; they shall be terrified, they shall all be put to shame. The blacksmith fashions it and works it over the coals, shaping it with hammers, and forging it with his strong arm; he becomes hungry and his strength fails, he drinks no water and is faint. The carpenter stretches a line, marks it out with a stylus, fashions it with planes, and marks it with a compass; he makes it in human form, with human beauty, to be set up in a shrine. He cuts down cedars or chooses a holm tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. Then it can be used as fuel. Part of it he takes and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes a god and worships it, makes it a carved image and bows down before it. Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he roasts meat, eats it, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, 'Ah, I am warm, I can feel the fire!' The rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, bows down to it, and worships it; he prays to it and says, 'Save me, for you are my god!' They do not know, nor do they comprehend; for their eyes are shut, so that they cannot see, and their minds as well, so that they cannot

understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, 'Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals, I roasted meat and have eaten. Now shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?' He feeds on ashes; a deluded mind has led him astray, and he cannot save himself or say, 'Is not this thing in my right hand a fraud?' Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in C, *Charles Villers 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.

SECOND LESSON: Mark 1.35-end

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Mark, in the first chapter, beginning at the thirty fifth verse.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in

their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in C, *Charles Villers Stanford*

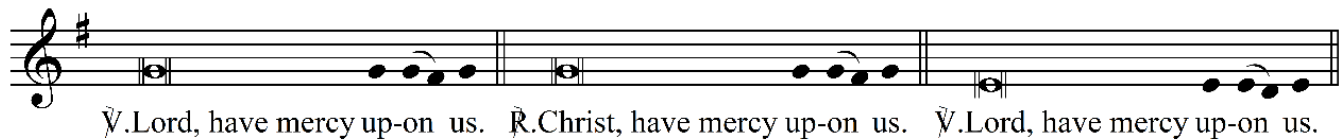
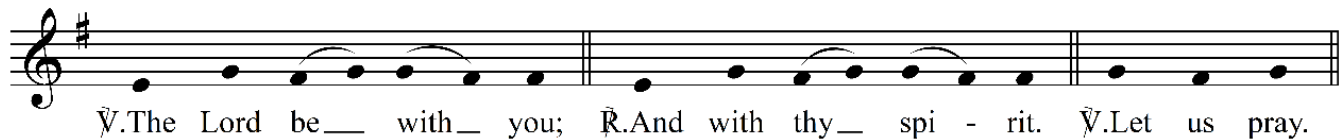
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and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

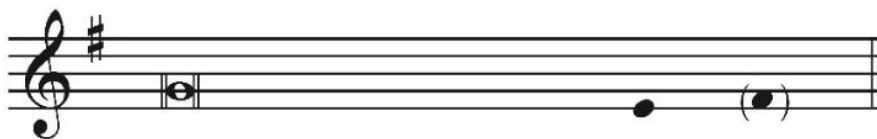


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: 'Videntes stellam,' *Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)*

Videntes stellam Magi gavisii sunt gaudio magno: et intrantes domum obtulerunt Domino aurum thus et myrrham.

Following the star, the Magi were overjoyed. Entering the house, they offered to the Lord gold, frankincense and myrrh.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by

walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

HYMN 98 – Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

- 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
- 5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

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: 'Ave verum corpus,' *Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie! O Jesu fili Mariae!

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen

(Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

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.**

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People

Let_ us_ a - dore Christ our Lord, in the most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment.

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** end. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.