

Saint Thomas's Church
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



*They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business on the great waters;
these men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.*

Stained glass window in the south transept of Ripon Cathedral.

Photo by Lawrence OP, January 2009

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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 memory of Lilly and Neilson Swan.


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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern, *Dietrich Buxtehude*

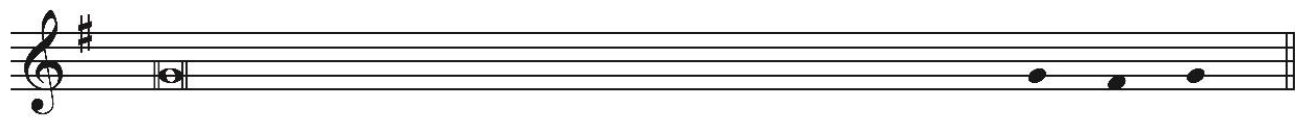
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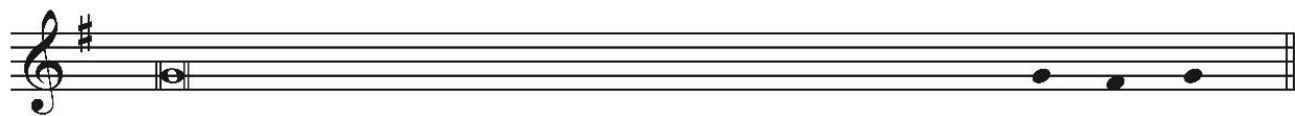
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.




V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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



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



V. Praise ye — the Lord; — R. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The People sit when the Choir sits.

PSALM: 107 Pt 1. *Confitemini Domino.*

I. 2.



- All* 1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is **gra-cious** :
- People* and his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-ër.
- 2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath re-**deem**-ed : and deliver-ed **from** ad-vër-si-tÿ;
- Cantor* 3 And gather-ed them out of the lands, from the east and from **the** west : from the **north** and fröm the ^south.

- People* 4 They that wander-ed in the wilderness, even in a de-**sert** place : found no way to a ci-**ty** where mën dwëlt.
- Cantor* 5 Hungry and **thir**-sty : their soul **faint**-ed in thëm.
- People* 6 So they cri-ed unto the Lord in their **trou**-ble : and he deliver-ed **them** from thëir dis[^]trëss.
- Cantor* 7 He led them forth by the **right** way : that they might go to a ci-**ty** where mën dwëlt.
- People* 8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his **good**-ness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the **chil**-dren öf mën!
- Cantor* 9 For he satisfieth the emp-**ty** soul : and filleth the hungry **soul** with göod-nëss.
- People* 10 They that sat in darkness and the shadow **of** death : were fast bound in mise-**ry** and i-rön;
- Cantor* 11 Because they rebel-led against the words **of** God : and lightly regarded the counsel **of** the Möst High.
- People* 12 He also brought down their heart with hard **la**-bour : they fell down, and there was **none** to hëlöp thëm.
- Cantor* 13 So they cri-ed unto the Lord in their **trou**-ble : and he deliver-ed **them** from thëir dis[^]trëss.
- People* 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow **of** death : and brake their **bonds** in sün-dër.
- Cantor* 15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his **good**-ness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the **chil**-dren öf mën!
- People* 16 For he hath broken the gates **of** brass : and smitten the bars of i-**ron** in sün-dër.
- Cantor* 17 They that are foolish are afflicted for their **of**-fence : and because **of** their wick-ed[^]nëss.
- People* 18 Their soul abhor-red all manner **of** meat : and they were even **hard** at deäth's döör.
- Cantor* 19 So they cri-ed unto the Lord in their **trou**-ble : and he deliver-ed **them** from thëir dis[^]trëss.
- People* 20 He sent his word and heal-**ed** them : and sa-ved them from **their** des-trüc-tiön.
- Cantor* 21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his **good**-ness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the **child**-ren öf mën!
- People* 22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifices of thanks-**giv**-ing : and tell out his **works** with gläd-nëss!
- Cantor* 23 They that go down to the sea **in** ships : and occupy their business on **the** great wät-ërs;
- People* 24 These men see the works of **the** Lord : and his **won**-ders in the[^]deëp.
- Cantor* 25 For at his word the stormy wind a-**ris**-eth : which lifteth **up** the wäves there[^]öf.
- People* 26 They are carri-ed up to the heaven, and down again to **the** deep : their soul melteth away because **of** the tröu-blë.

Cantor 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunk-**en** man :
and are **at** their wits' end.

People 28 So they cry unto the Lord in their **trou-ble** : and he delivereth **them** from
their dis^{tr}ess.

Cantor 29 For he maketh the storm **to** cease : so that the **waves** there-^of are[^]still.

People 30 Then are they glad, because they are **at** rest : and so he bringeth them unto
the haven **where** they wöuld bë.

Cantor 31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his **good-ness** : and declare
the wonders that he doeth for the **chil**-dren öf mën!

People 32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the **peo**-ple : and
praise him in the assembly **of** the ël-dërs!

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly[^]Ghöst;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.
Ä-mën.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 54.1-14

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

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the Lord. Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God.

For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, I am about to set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your wall of precious stones. All your children shall be

taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

St. Paul's Service, *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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: Luke 13.1-17

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I

dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

St. Paul’s Service, *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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,

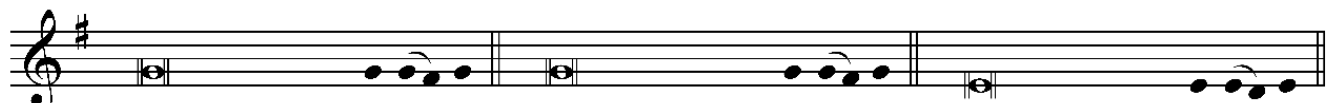
I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
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



V̄. The Lord be ___ with ___ you; R̄. And with thy ___ spi - rit. V̄. Let us pray.



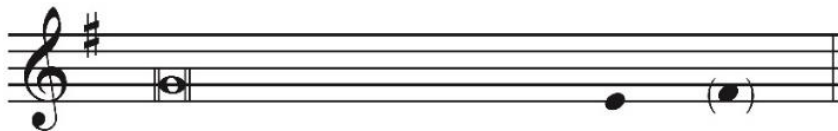
V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R̄. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

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



V̄. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;
 R̄. And grant us thy salva-tion.

V̄. O Lord, save **the** King,
 R̄. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.

V̄. Endue thy ministers with righ-teous-ness.
 R̄. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

Ÿ. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.

Ŕ. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Ŕ. And evermore mightily defend us.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-in us;

Ŕ. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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 Lord, the maker,' *William Mundy (1529-1591)*

O Lord, the Maker of all thing, we pray thee now in this evening us to defend through thy mercy from all deceit of our enemy; let neither us deluded be, good Lord, with dream or fantasy, our heart waking in thee thou keep, that we in sin fall not on sleep. O Father, through thy blessed Son, grant us this our petition, to whom with the Holy Ghost always in heaven and earth be laud and praise. Amen.

(Text from "The King's Primer", 1545)

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 92 – O sing a hymn of Bethlehem

- 1 O sing a hymn of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing alway.

2 O sing a hymn of Nazareth,
Of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
And of the sinless Boy:
For now the flowers of Nazareth
In every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear Name
On all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a hymn of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea
And bade its waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word
Falls peace upon the soul.

4 O sing a hymn of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the Tree
And took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
Is mighty now to save.

FOREST GREEN
English Traditional Melody

Rev. Louis F. Benson, 1899

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: 'O sacrum convivium,' *Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

O sacrum convivium! In quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the antiphon, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, stepwise fashion. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Let us a - dore Christ our Lord, in the most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment." The second staff is for the tone, also in a treble clef and one flat key signature. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, then a double bar line. This is followed by a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, then another double bar line. The melody continues with a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, ending with a double bar line.

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.