

# Saint Thomas's Church

**Saint Benedict of Nursia**  
**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock**  
*in person and livestreamed*



*Detail of Saint Benedict*  
Fra Angelico, approximately 1450

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

*They were given in loving memory of Elizabeth Thoms, by her grateful family;*

*In loving memory of Robert Morley Smith and Francesca Madeline Beehler,  
by Gregory Smith and Elisabeth Burke;*

*In loving memory of Ernest, Vera and Peter Hall, by Dianne Hall;*

*and*

*In memory of deceased members of the Acolytes' Guild.*

**Celebrant:** Fr Shire  
**Homilist:** Fr D'Angelo  
**Gospeller and Intercessor:** Fr D'Angelo  
**Cantor:** Rigzin Tute  
**Reader:** Maureen Somerville  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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*Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted by Covid regulations. The Cantor alone will make sung responses. All are encouraged to make the said responses.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, *Healey Willan*

**PRELUDE:** Couplet Fugue sur la Trompette (Kyrie, Messe pour les Paroisses), *François Couperin*

*The Cantor alone sings:*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 1.1-4

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stood in the way of sinners, / and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; / and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, / that bringeth forth his fruit in due season,
- 4 Whose leaf also doth not wither; / and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

**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.**

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

*Please kneel*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The cantor sings*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Please stand*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

All: **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

The Lord be with you  
R / *And with thy spirit.*

*Please remain standing for the Collects*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O almighty God, who willest to be glorified in thy Saints, and didst raise up thy servant Benedict to shine as a light in the world: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praises, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**THE COLLECT OF TRINITY VI**

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

**FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 2.1-9**

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path.

The word of the Lord  
R / *Thanks be to God*

*The Cantor alone sings:*

**PSALM: 34.1-8**

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.
- 5 O look unto him and be lightened : and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him : yea, and saved him out of all his troubles .
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

**THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 2.42-47a**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people.

The word of the Lord  
R/ *Thanks be to God*

*The Cantor alone sings:*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Pray at all times in the Spirit in every prayer and supplication. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 15.12-17**

R / *Glory be to thee O Lord*

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

The Gospel of Christ  
R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

All: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Cantor alone*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 390 – Stand up, and bless the Lord

- 1 Stand up, and bless the Lord,  
Ye people of his choice;  
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God,  
With heart and soul and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear his holy Name,  
And laud, and magnify?
- 3 O for the living flame,  
From his own altar brought,  
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
And wing to heaven our thought.
- 4 God is our strength and song,  
And his salvation ours;  
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up, and bless the Lord;  
The Lord your God adore;  
Stand up, and bless his glorious Name,  
Henceforth for evermore.

## 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.*

*Please kneel*

### INTERCESSIONS

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

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. We pray this day especially for Fr Nathan Humphrey as he begins his ministry as rector of this parish, and for Fr David Brinton in thanksgiving for his ministry as interim priest-in-charge.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our nation, province, and city. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick\_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_. May God give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of his salvation.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / *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 on their year's mind for\_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, Blessed Benedict, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: Gracious and Holy Father, hear the prayers of thy people. Give to us the wisdom to discover thee, the intelligence to understand thee, the diligence to seek after thee, the patience to wait for thee, eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee, and a life to proclaim thee. Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, 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.**

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.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

V / The Lord be with you; R / *And with thy spirit.*

V / Lift up your hearts; R / *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; R / *It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Who in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Cantor sings:*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

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, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.***

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;

R / *And with thy spirit.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*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 Cantor sings:*

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

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

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

**MOTET:** Psalm 138, *Arthur Honegger*

*I will with my whole heart give thanks, and exalt and praise Thee. Before the gods I declare that I have dedicated myself to sing to Thee. And in Your holy temple worship and celebrate Your renown, for the love of Your great bounty and faithfulness so greatly esteemed.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: 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 Cantor alone sings:*

**CONCLUDING HYMN 215 – Give me the wings of faith, to rise**

- 1 Give me the wings of faith, to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The saints above, how great their joys  
How bright their glories be.
- 2 Once they were mourning here below,  
And wet their couch with tears:  
They wrestled hard, as we do now,  
With sins, and doubts, and fears.
- 3 I ask them whence their victory came;  
They with united breath  
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
Their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod;  
His zeal inspired their breast;  
And, following their incarnate God,  
Possess the promised rest.
- 5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise,  
For his own pattern given;  
While the long cloud of witnesses  
Show the same path to heaven.

**POSTLUDE:** Récit de Chromhorne (Kyrie, Messe pour les Paroisses), *François Couperin*