

Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Evensong & Devotions

at 3:00 pm



Corpus Christi Procession, illustration from the Lovell Lectionary
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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God

*Those at the High Altar are in loving memory of my brother Ron Willems,
from Gloria and Don Wiebe.*

Officiant: Fr. Humphrey
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

GREEN STAGE PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

The Diocese of Toronto has now entered the Green Stage, leaving all policies to the parishes. Masks, preferably N95 or KN95, are strongly recommended. Please join in heartily in our congregational singing, following suit with the choir in their masking practises.

Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

PRELUDE: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654, *J.S. Bach*

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 Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM: 81; *Tone V, 1*

- 1 O sing merrily unto God our strength; /
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, /
at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, /
when he went forth against the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard the voice of one that I knew not: /
'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.
- 7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; /
I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: /
O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee, /
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
- 10 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: /
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice; / and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, /
and let them follow their own imaginations.
- 13 O that my people would hearken unto me, /
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon put down their enemies, /
and turn my hand against their adversaries.

- 15 The haters of the Lord should feign obedience unto him; /
but their time should endure for ever.
16 I would feed them also with the finest wheat- flour; /
and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.'

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.

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 16.2-15

The First Lesson is written in the book of Exodus, in the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the second verse.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Fauxbourdons Casciolini*

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 – John 6.53-58

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the sixth chapter, beginning at the fifty third verse.

So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles: *Fauxbourdons Casciolini*

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 Officiant continues,

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And evermore mightily defend us.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 liveth and reigneth with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, 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

'Ego sum panis vivus,' William Byrd

I am the bread of life, says the Lord: he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will have eternal life. Alleluia.

PRAYERS

(THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING MAY BE SAID)

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 229 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own Self for heavenly Food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

*Picardy
French Traditional Carol*

*from the Liturgy of St James (c. 5th century)
tr Gerald Moultrie, 1829-1885*

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,’ *William Byrd*

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.

- 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.
- Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; Alleluia.
Containing in itself all sweetness. Alleluia.

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: Lët üs ad-öre **Christ** our Lord : in the **most hö-ly** Sac-ra-ment.

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.

[repeat antiphon]