

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Passion Sunday**

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**Sung Eucharist**

**at 11 o'clock**

*livestreamed*



*Grain Harvest*, by Federico Rossano, 1912,  
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**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Communion Service in E Minor, *René Becker*

**PRELUDE:** Christe, alle Welt Trost, BWV 670, *J.S. Bach*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 43 Ant. v.1, *Tone III,4*



- 1 Give sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; /  
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
- 2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? /  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
- 3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, /  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;
- 4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; /  
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
- 5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? / and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- 6 O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, /  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Give sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; /  
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

*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.**

**KYRIE ELEISON**

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31.31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

### PSALM 51.1-12—Miserere mei, Deus; *Tone II, 1*



- 1 HAVE MER-cy upon me, O God, after thy great good-ness :  
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine of-fenc-es.
- 2 Wash me throughly from my wick-ed-ness : and cleanse **me** from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my **faults** : and my sin is ever be-fore me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinnèd, and done that which is evil in thy **sight** :  
that thou mightest be justifièd when thou speakest, and clear **when** thou dost judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in **wick-ed-ness** : and in sin hath my mother **con-ceiv-ed** me.
- 6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward **parts** :  
and shalt make me to understand wis-**dom** se-cret-ly.
- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be **clean** :  
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-**ter** than snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and **glad-ness** :  
that the bones which thou hast bro-**ken** may re-joyce.
- 9 Turn thy face from my **sins** : and put out all **my** mis-deeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart, O **God** : and renew a right spirit **with-in** me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy **pre-sence** : and take not thy holy spi-**rit** from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of thy help a-**gain** : and stablish me with a **free** spi-rit.

**THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 5.5-10**

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchiz'edek.

The word of the Lord

R/ *Thanks be to God*

**SEQUENCE HYMN - The royal banners forward go**

- 1 The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
- 2 There whil'st he hung, his sacred side  
By soldier's spear was open'd wide,  
To cleanse us in the precious flood  
Of water mingl'd with his Blood.
- 3 Fulfill'd is now what David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
How God the heathen's King should be;  
For God is reigning from the Tree.
- 4 O Tree of glory, Tree most fair,  
Ordain'd those holy limbs to bear,  
How bright in purple robe it stood,  
The purple of a Saviour's Blood!
- 5 Upon its arms like balance true,  
He weighed the price for sinners due,  
The price which none but he could pay,  
And spoil'd the spoiler of his prey.
- 6 To thee, Eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
As by the Cross thou dost restore,  
So rule and guide us evermore. Amen.

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 12.20-33**

*R / Glory be to thee O Lord*

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

The Gospel of Christ

*R / Praise be to thee, O Christ*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Merbecke*

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**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 129** – Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
Sing the ending of the fray;  
Now above the Cross, the trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay:  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
As a Victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness  
Of the appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman,  
Left for us his Father's home,  
Showed to men the perfect manhood,  
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
Went he forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicate, and willing,  
Wrought his work, and met his death;  
Like a Lamb he humbly yielded  
On the Cross his dying breath.
- 4 Faithful Cross, thou sign of triumph,  
Now for man the noblest Tree,  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thy peer may be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption,  
For the weight that hung on thee!
- 5 Unto God be praise and glory:  
To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit, honour  
Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest,  
While the timeless ages run.

*ORIEL*

*BP VENANTIUS FORTUNATIS c. 569*  
*[C. Ett, Cantica Sacra, 1840]*

**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: Brothers and sisters 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 and for all who minister and serve God's people throughout the world, especially Andrew our bishop and for the clergy and people of this parish. May God give us all grace to keep a holy Lent.

*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 country, province, and city, for all who promote and protect our health, safety, and peace, that God may observe our civil life and judge it 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\_\_\_\_\_for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for those who mourn, and all for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_trusting that God will not forget the afflicted.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers all those who have fallen ill from the coronavirus, for all communities that have been disrupted and impacted by the pandemic, for those working for the public health of all and the stability of our society, for those who are lonely from isolation; that the Lord's healing and comforting presence may strengthen us all.

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for 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, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

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

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; 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.**

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.

For the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

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.*

*Silence before Act of Spiritual Communion*

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**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**

**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:** He was despised and rejected of men (from *Messiah*), *G.F. Handel*

*He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3) He gave his back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: He hid not His face from shame and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please kneel*

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.*

**CONCLUDING HYMN 588 – In the Cross of Christ I glory**

- 1 In the Cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the Cross forsake me;  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the Cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more lustre to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the Cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.
- 5 In the Cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

*CROSS OF JESUS*  
*Sir John Stainer*

*Sir John Bowring, 1825*

**POSTLUDE:** *Herzliebster Jesu, Johannes Brahms*