

Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday After Easter

Sunday, May 1, 2022

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Christ's Charge to Peter, Raphael, 1516
The Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of John, Michael, Lenore, Margaret, Stephen and Floyd Burnie,
given by their family;*

and

*Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Molly Wright, from her son Tim Wright,
and Anneli Pekkonen and Alicia Wright.*

Celebrant: Fr. Humphrey
Homilist: Fr. Shire
Deacon: Fr. D'Angelo
Reader: Earl Barnsley
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

UPDATED PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Masks are still required until the Feast of Pentecost on June 5. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.

The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Communion Service in E, Harold Darke

PRELUDE: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626, J.S. Bach

INTROIT: Psalm 33.1-9, Ant v.6; *Tone V, 1*

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; /
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
 - 2 Praise the Lord with harp: / sing praises unto him with the lute,
and instrument of ten strings.
 - 3 Sing unto the Lord a new song: / sing praises lustily with a good courage.
 - 4 For the word of the Lord is true, / and all his works are faithful.
 - 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: /
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
 - 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, /
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
 - 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were in a bottle, /
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
 - 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; /
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
 - 9 For he spake, and it was done: / he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 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.
- By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, /
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

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 choir 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

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

Choir: 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.**

Please remain standing for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9.1-20

The First Lesson is written in the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a

vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30 - Exaltabo te, Domine; *Tone VIII,1*



- 1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, /
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, / and thou hast healed me.
- 3 Thou, Lord, hast brought up my soul from hell: /
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; /
and give thanks unto his holy Name.
- 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his favour is life; /
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 As for me, in my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved'; /
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hadst made my hill so strong.
- 7 But thou didst turn thy face from me, / and I was troubled.
- 8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord, / and gat me to my Lord right humbly:
- 9 'What profit is there in my blood, / when I go down to the pit?
- 10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? / or shall it declare thy truth?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; / Lord, be thou my helper.'
- 12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; /
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- 13 That my soul may sing of thy praise without ceasing. /
O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5.11-14

The Second Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 21.1-19

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said

to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

THE NICENE CREED

Credo (Missa de Angelis) Mode V harmonized by Walter MacNutt

Celebrant: I be-lieve in one God *

Full
the Fáth- er Al- mígh- ty, Má- ker of héa- v'n and eárth,
And of áll things vís- i- ble and in- vís- i- ble:
And in oíne Lórd Jé- sus Chríst, the ón- ly- be-gót- ten Són of Gód,
Be- gót- t'n of the Fáth- er be- fóre all wórls;
Gód, of Gód; Líght, of Líght; Vé- ry Gód, of vé- ry Gód;
Be- gót- ten, nó- t máde; Bé- ing of one súb- stance with the Fáth- er;
Through whóm all things were máde: Who for ús mén and for oúr sal- vá- tion
came d'own from héa- v'n, And was in- cár- nate by the Hó- ly Ghóst
of the Vír- gin Má- ry, And was máde mán, And was

crú- ci- fi- ed ál- so for uís un- der Pón- tius Pí- late.

He súf- fer- ed and was bú- ri- ed, And the thír- d day he róse a- gáin

ac- córd- ing to the Scríp- tures, And as- ceíd- ed in- to héa- v'n,

And sí- teth on the rí- ght hand of the Fáth- er.

And hé shall cóme a- gain with gló- ry to júdge both the quíck and the deá- d:

Whose kíng- dom shall háve no eín- d. And I be- líeve in the Hó- ly Ghóst, The Lor- d,

The Gív- er of Lífe, Who pro- ceéd- eth from the Fáth- er and the Són,

Who with the Fáth- er and the Són to- géth- er is wór- ship- ped

and gló- ri- fi- ed, Who spáke by the Pí- o- phets.

And Í be- líeve One, Hó- ly, Cá- tho- lic, and Á- po- stó- lic Chúr- ch.

Í ac- knów- ledge óne Báp- tism for the re- mís- sion of síns.

And I loók for the Re- sur- réc- tion of the deá- d,

And the Lífe of the world to come.

A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 606 – Jesus lives!

- 1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can no longer, death appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!
- 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!
- 3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!
- 4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!
- 5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

ST ALBINUS
H.J. Gauntlett, 1852.

Tr. (1841) from the German of C.F. Gellert (1757) by Frances E. Cox

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.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for _____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy
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. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____ [We give thanks especially on the anniversary this week of the {baptism of / confirmation of / marriage of / ordination of} _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick _____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked _____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

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, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Guide us O Lord in the path of discipleship, so that, as thou hast blessed us, we may be a blessing unto others by bringing forth the promise of thy kingdom by word and deed. All this we pray 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

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us 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 choir 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
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 choir 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the sidespeople.

The common cup at communion was restored as of Maundy Thursday. As has always been the case, communicants may choose to receive communion in one kind only (i.e. no one should feel obligated to receive both the bread and the wine).

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked not to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand (the practice known as intinction) as an alternative to drinking from the chalice.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING**

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

'Rise up, my love, my fair one,' Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

(Song of Solomon 2.10b-12a)

COMMUNION HYMN 435 – We have not known thee as we ought

- 1 We have not known thee as we ought,
Nor learned thy wisdom, grace, and power;
The things of earth have filled our thought,
And trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,
And make us wise in knowing thee.
- 2 We have not feared thee as we ought,
Nor bowed beneath thine awful eye,
Nor guarded deed, and word, and thought,
Remembering that God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,
And grant the grace of holy fear.
- 3 We have not loved thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought,
And feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
To feel and own the love thou art.

- 4 We have not served thee as we ought,
 Alas! the duties left undone –
 The work with little fervour wrought –
 The battles lost, or scarcely won!
 Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,
 For thee to toil, for thee to fight.
- 5 When shall we know thee as we ought,
 And fear, and love, and serve aright?
 When shall we out of trial brought
 Be perfect in the land of light?
 Lord, may we day by day prepare
 To see thy face, and serve thee there.

St. CHRYSOSTOM
Sir Joseph Barnby, 1871

Rev. T.B. Pollock, 1875

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.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN 395 – Come, let us join our cheerful songs

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
 With angels round the throne;
 Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
 But all their joys are one.
- 2 ‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
 ‘To be exalted thus’;
 ‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
 ‘For he was slain for us.’

- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings, more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

NATIVITY
H. Lahee, 1855

Rev. Isaac Watts, 1707

POSTLUDE: Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627, *J.S. Bach*