Saint Thomas's Church Ascension Day

Thursday, May 18, 2023 6:30 pm High Mass



The Ascension of Christ, Giacomo Cavedone, c. 1640 Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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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

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Celebrant: Fr. Rob Mitchell Homilist: Fr. James Shire Reader: Janet Nichols

Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson **Guest Organist and Conductor:** John Tuttle

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa Aedis Christi, William Mathias (1934-1992)

VOLUNTARY

'Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui desire le ciel,' l'Ascension, Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace. Allelu-<u>ia!</u>
In the Name of the Lord. Amen. Allelu-<u>ia!</u>

HYMN 174 - Hail the day that sees him rise

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluya! Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya! Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya! Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!
- 3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya! Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya! Though returning to his throne, Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!
- 4 See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love; Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!

- 5 Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia! His prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia! Near himself prepares our place, He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!
- 6 Lord, though parted from our sight Alleluia! Far above the starry height, Alleluia! Grant our hearts may thither rise, Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.
- 7 There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya! Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya! There thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

CHISELHURST Sydney Nicholson Charles Wesley 1707-88 and Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823

Station at the Rood

God is gone up with a merry noise. Allelu-<u>ia!</u>
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Allelu-<u>ia!</u>

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessèd Son our Saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

1 The Lord ascendeth up on high, The Lord hath triumphed gloriously, In power and might excelling; The grave and hell are captive led, Lo! He returns our living Head, To His eternal dwelling!

- The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
 By saints, by angel hosts adored;
 O day of exultation!
 O earth, adore thy mighty King,
 His Rising, His Ascension sing,
 With thankful adoration!
- Our great High Priest hath gone before,
 Now on His Church His grace to pour,
 And still His love He giveth:
 O may our hearts to Him ascend,
 May all within us upward tend
 To Him who ever liveth!

BOURGEOISE Arthur Russell 1806-74
and others

At the conclusion of the Procession, the People kneel and the choir sings:

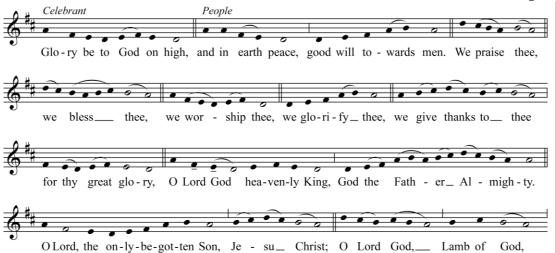
KYRIE ELEISON

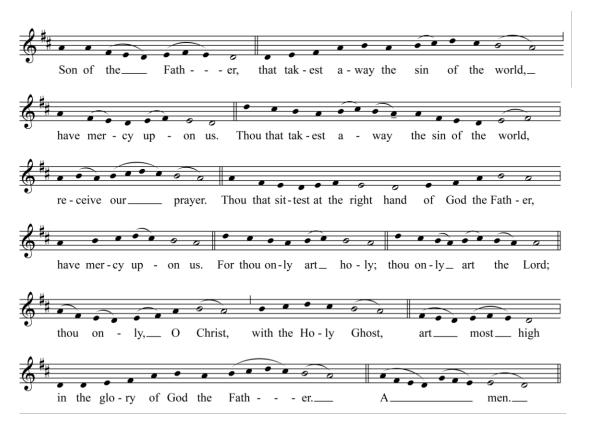
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis





The People remain standing for the Collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING Acts 1.1-11

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Cantor 1 O CLAP your hands together, all ye **peo**-ples:

People O sing unto God with the **voice** of me-lo-dy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be **fear**-ed: he is a great King **o**-ver all the earth.

Cantor 3 He subdu-ed the peoples under **us**: and the nations **un**-der our feet.

People 4 He chose our heritage for **us**: even the glorious land of Jacob, **whom** he lov-ed.

Cantor 5 God is gone up with a merry **noise**: the Lord with the sound **of** the trum-pet.

People 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our **God**: O sing praises, sing praises **un**-to our King.

Cantor 7 For God is the King of all the **earth**: sing ye praises with **un**-der-stand-ing.

People 8 God reigneth over the **na**-tions : God sitteth up-**on** his ho-ly^throne.

Cantor 9 The princes of the peoples are gather-ed to-**geth**-er: with the people of the **God** of A-bra-ham;

People 10 For the rulers of the earth belong unto **God**: he is very high-**ly** ex-alt-ed.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.15-23

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name

that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 835 - Eternal Monarch, King most high

Æterne Rex altissime

- 1 Eternal Monarch, King most high, Whose Blood hath brought redemption nigh, By whom the death of Death was wrought, And conquering Grace's battle fought:
- 2 Ascending to the throne of might, And seated at the Father's right, All power in heaven is Jesus' own That here his manhood had not known.
- 3 That so, in nature's triple frame, Each heavenly and each earthly name, And things in hell's abyss abhorred, May bend the knee and own him Lord.
- 4 Yea, Angels tremble when they see
 How changed is our humanity;
 That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
 And God, the Flesh of God, hath reigned!
- 5 Be thou our joy and strong defence,Who art our future recompense:So shall the light that springs from theeBe ours through all eternity.
- O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to thee let earth accord,
 Who art, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit One. Amen. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24.44-53

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

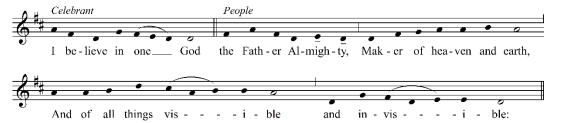
The People sit.

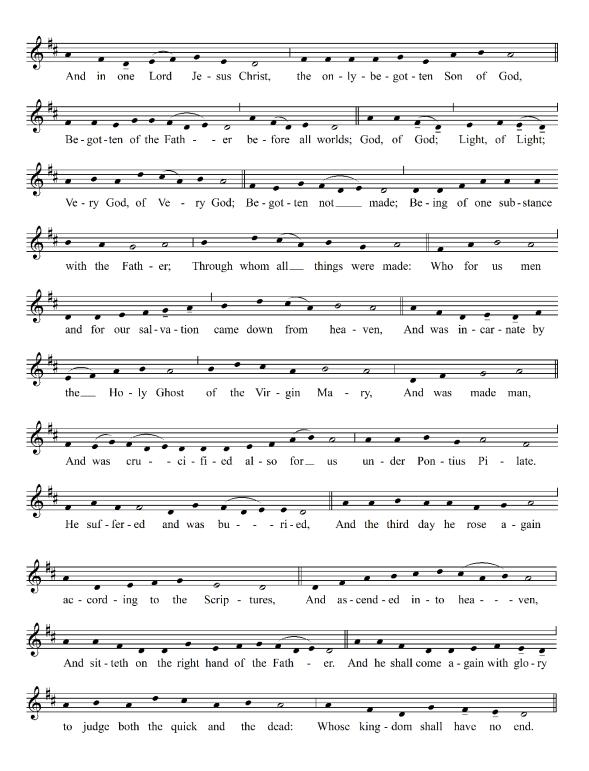
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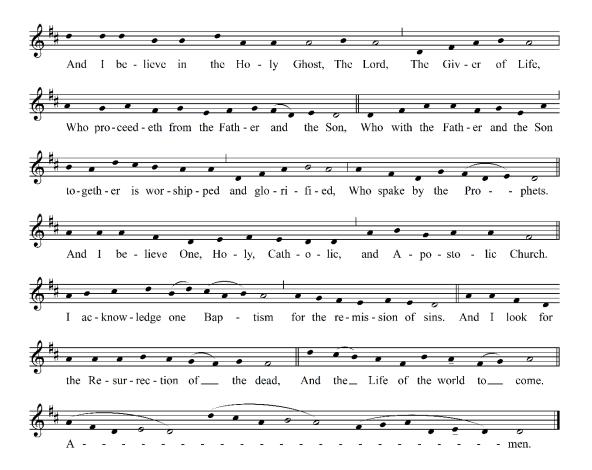
The People stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis







OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

OFFERTORY HYMN 397 – Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
 Thunder like a mighty flood.
 Jesus out of every nation
 Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- Alleluia! not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how:
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 Thou on earth our Food, our Stay:
 Alleluia! here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King Eternal,
 Thee the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluia! born of Mary
 Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 In the Eucharistic Feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
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HYFRYDOL Rowland Hugh Prichard, (1811-1887), 1831 William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), 1866

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censing.

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.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

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



Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all 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 the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places we now name, silently or aloud. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. *Silence*.

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to
God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all
those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this
morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently
or aloud [We give thanks especially for] 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 who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *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; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, 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 those whose year's mind is at this time _____, 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, rest in peace and rise in glory. Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

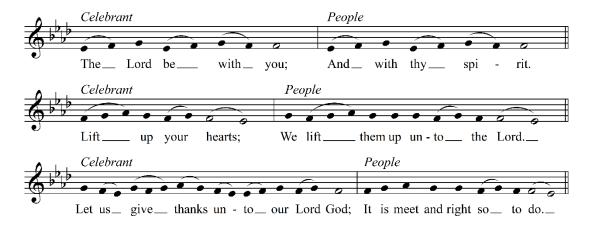
Invitation, Confession, Absolution

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**.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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 alone sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ♣ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

♣ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

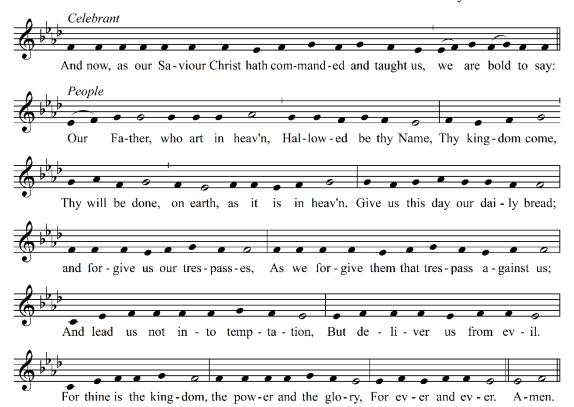
Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, 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,





FRACTION & PEACE

A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

- 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.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently 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

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 380 - Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus

- 1 Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus, Hail, thou Galilean King:
 Thou didst suffer to redeem us, Thou didst free salvation bring.
 Hail, thou universal Saviour, Bearer of our sin and shame, By thy merits we find favour; Life is given through thy Name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on thee were laid; By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven, Through the virtue of thy Blood: Opened is the gate of heaven, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
- Jesu, hail! enthroned in glory,
 There for ever to abide;
 All the heavenly hosts adore thee,
 Seated at thy Father's side:
 Worship, honour, power, and blessing
 Thou art worthy to receive:
 Loudest praises, without ceasing,
 Meet it is for us to give.

IN BABILONE Traditional Dutch Melody John Bakewell, 1757

MOTET 'God is gone up with a triumphant shout,' *Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)*

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praise, Sing Praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music, making every string More to enravish as they this tune sing. God is gone up with a triumphant shout. . .

(Edward Taylor)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

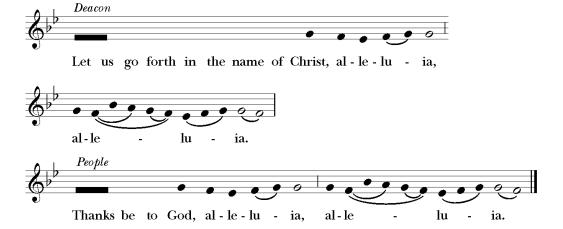
May the gifts we have received from thy altar, O Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in our Saviour's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the risen Christ who hast passed into the heavens clothe thee with power from on high. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL



CONCLUDING HYMN 392 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
 Your Lord and King adore;
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
 And triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice, Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

- Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,The God of truth and love:When he had purged our stains,He took his seat above:Refrain
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given: Refrain
- 4 He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit, And bow to his command, And fall beneath his feet: Refrain

DARWALL Rev. John Darwall, 1770 Rev. Charles Wesley, 1746

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Hyfrydol,' Healey Willan (1888-1968)

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