Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023

Combined Mass at 10:30 am



The Pentecost, from a Czech illuminated manuscript, c. 1400 The Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

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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. Nathan Humphrey **Homilist:** Dr. Hans Boersma

Deacon: Fr. James Shire

Readers: Georgiana Beale & James Meade Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)

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Chant de Paix, Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

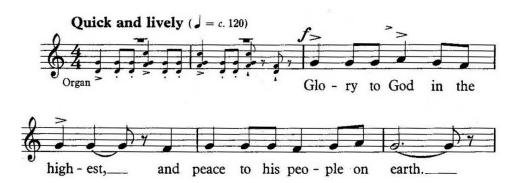
May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

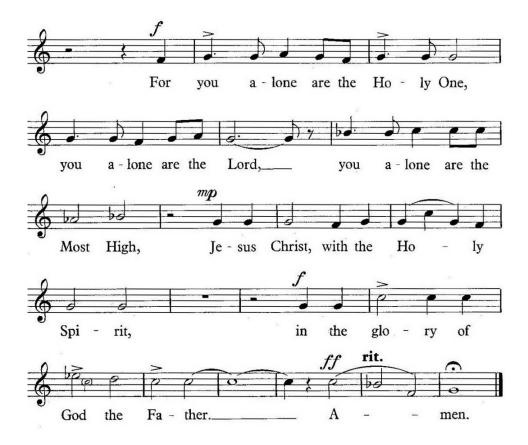
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:" In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104, Part 2



O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. **R**/.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. R/.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. R/.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**/.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah! R/.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

A reading from St Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as

the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20.19-23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated until invited to stand for the baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISM OF AIDAN PERREAULT

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Aidan Perreault to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and

destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of

God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Aidan in his life in Christ?

People We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Celebrant says:

Dearly Beloved, the Feast of Pentecost celebrates the miraculous birth of the Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, through which the Holy Spirit brings us into union with the Father. By Baptism into the Church, we are buried with Christ in his death, and raised with him to newness of life. In solidarity with Aidan, who will be baptized this morning, and with all those who are being baptized on this most holy day throughout the world, let us stand therefore and renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Let us now stand and join with Aidan who is committing himself to

Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in God the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God

in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour

as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and

respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for Aidan, who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

The Deacon leads the following litany.

Deacon Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant and other assistants move to the Font, the baptismal party following after and standing where directed. Those who wish to move for a better view may do so.

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin

into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who says,

Aidan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead the candidate saying,

Aidan, you are sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Vidi Aquam, Matthew Larkin

I saw water issuing forth from the Temple, on the right side, alleluia: and all those to whom this water came obtained salvation and they exclaimed: "Alleluia. alleluia."

The Celebrant and other assistants move to the front of the church, the baptismal party following after and standing where directed. The People sit.

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

One of the ministers will give to the newly baptized a candle, saying,

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 487 – Come down, O Love divine

Come down, O Love divine,
 Seek thou this soul of mine,
 And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Down Ampney Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Bianco da Siena, d. 1434 Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale, Jr., 1867

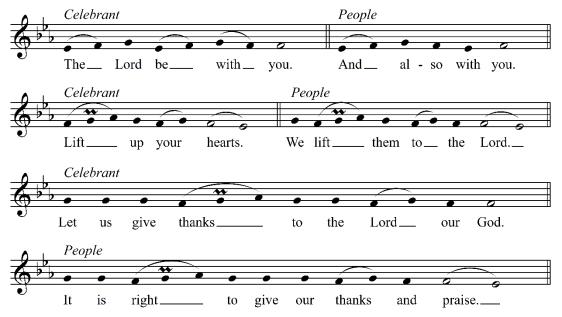
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The Deacon reads the Intentions and bids the People's additions, silently or aloud.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

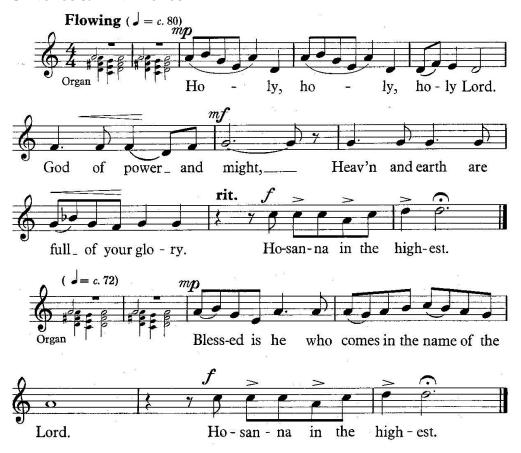


Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Choir and People sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

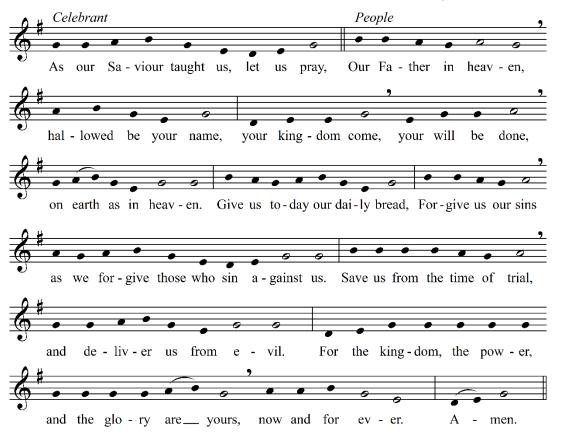
People: We remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the Cross **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

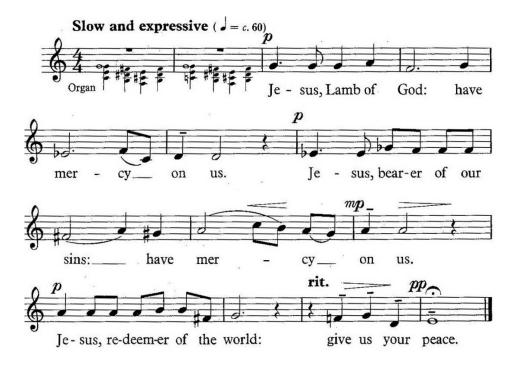
HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEL



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!

MOTET

'Litany to the Holy Spirit,' Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head, and with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your 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.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al-le-lu - ia,





CONCLUDING HYMN 484 – O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

- 1 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, Eternal Fount of love Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts With fire from heaven above.
- 2 As thou in bond of love dost join The Father and the Son, So fill us all with mutual love, And knit our hearts in one.
- 3 All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, While endless ages run.

TALLIS Thomas Tallis, 1567 Tr (1837) from the Latin of C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. J. Chandler

VOLUNTARY

Come, Holy Ghost, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

Those on the High Altar are in loving memory of Lucienne Geras (née Labine) from her grandson Matthew Aggus and his family Yvonne, Leocadia, and Isaac;

and

Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Anthony Kent, William and Margaret Swiss (Hawka), and Allan and Janet Kent.

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