

Saint Thomas's Church
The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, November 12, 2023
High Mass at 11:00 am



Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, William Blake, 1822
Tate Gallery, London

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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, though we hope you will avail yourself of **coffee hour in the parish hall** following this service, if possible. 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 & Deacon: Fr. James Shire
Reader: Maureen Somerville
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus: John Tuttle

MUSIC OF THE MASS Mass of Saint Thomas, Robert Fleming (1921-1976)

VOLUNTARY Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRANCE HYMN 396 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1. Hail to the Lord's An - oin - ted, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 3. Kings shall fall down be - fore Him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - poin - ted, His reign on earth be - gun!
 And love, joy, hope, like flo - wers, spring in His path to birth:
 All na - tions shall a - dore him, His praise all peo - ple sing;
 From age to age more glo - rious, All - bles - sing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains shall peace, the he - rald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall ne - ver His co - ve - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in e - qui - ty.
 From hill to vale the foun - tains of righ - teous - ness o'er - flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 His Name shall stand for ev - er, His change-less Name of Love.

The People 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 the Kyrie.

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

Celebrant *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,
have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;
thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high
in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er. A men.

The People remain standing for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6.12-16

The First Lesson is written in the sixth chapter of the book of Wisdom, beginning at the twelfth verse.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 78.1-8

Attendite, popule
1.4



- Cantor* 1 HEAR MY teaching, O my **peo**-ple :
People incline your ears unto the **words** of my mouth.
- 1 I will open my mouth in a pa-**ra**-ble :
I will utter dark **say**-ings from ^of old;
- Cantor* 3 Which we have heard **and** known :
and such as our fa-**thers** have told us.
- People* 4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell them to the
generation **to** come : even the praises of the Lord, and his might,
and his wonderful **works** that he ^hath done.
- Cantor* 5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel **a** law :
which he commanded our forefathers to **teach** their chil-dren;
- People* 6 That the next generation might **know** it :
and the children **which** were yet ^un-born;
- Cantor* 7 To the intent that when they **rose** up :
they might show their **chil**-dren the same;
- People* 8 That they might put their trust **in** God :
and not forget the works of God, but keep **his** com-mand-ments;

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of St Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be

caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is labeled "Cantor" and the second "People". The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia. * Al - le - lu - ia." with an asterisk under the second "Al". The second staff is labeled "Tone VI" and shows a sequence of notes with repeat signs.

Cantor WATCH AND be rea-dy :
for you do not know on what day your **Lord** is com-ing

The People repeat the Alleluia from the asterisk.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glorify be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.


SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at “and was incarnate,” rising after “and was made man.”

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*



I be-lieve in one God the Fath-er Al-migh-ty, Mak-er of hea-ven and earth,


And of all things vis-ible and in-vis-ible;

And in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God,

Be-got-ten of the Fath-er be-fore all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;

Ve-ry God, of Ve-ry God; Be-got-ten not made; Be-ing of one sub-stance

with the Fath-er; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men



and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven, And was in - car - nate by



the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man,




And was cru - - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late.



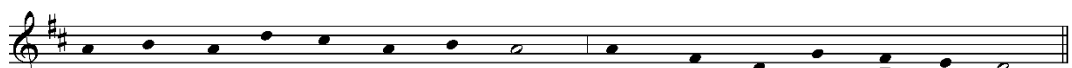
He suf - fer - ed and was bu - - - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain




ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - - - ven,



And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fath - er. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry



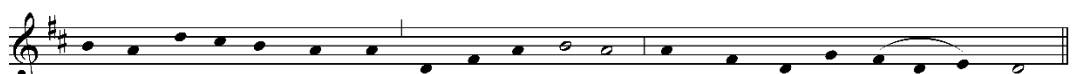
to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.



And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, The Giv - er of Life,



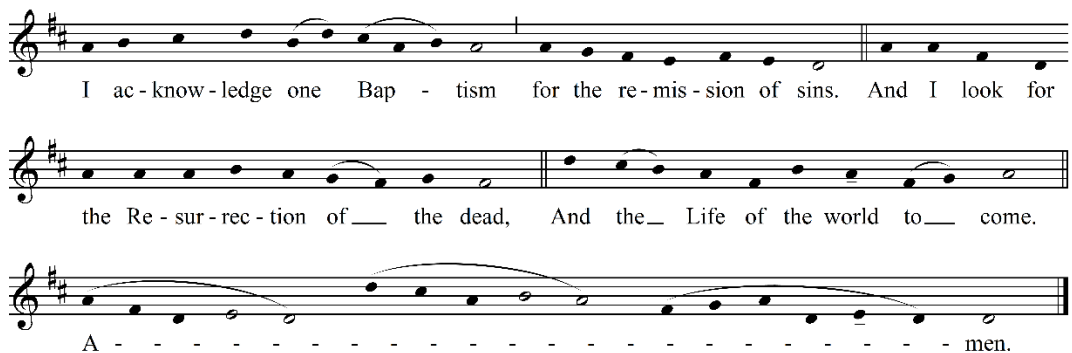
Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fath - er and the Son, Who with the Fath - er and the Son



to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed, Who spake by the Pro - - phets.



And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic, and A - po - sto - lic Church.



I ac-know-ledge one Bap - tism for the re-mis - sion of sins. And I look for
the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.
A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sleepers Wake!

1 Sleepers, wake! the watch are calling,
Their notes from Zions's watchtower falling:
'Awake, awake, Jerusalem!
Midnight comes, no longer slumber,
Nor let dull sleep your senses cumber.
Wise virgins, haste, or do you dream?
The bridegroom draweth near!
Arise, your lamps show clear.
Hallelujah.
Yourselves array this marriage day
To meet the bridegroom on his way.'

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
Her heart within for joy is springing,
She wakes, she speeds with glad surprise.
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
In grace most strong, in truth victorious,
Her light is come, her star doth rise.
Welcome! thou worthy crown,
Lord Jesus, God's dear Son,
Hosanna!
We join the throng that streams along
And fill thy banquet hall with song.

3 Let all creatures sound thy praises,
Now earth her voice with heaven raises,
With harps' and cymbals' joyful tone.
Gates of pearl swing wide before us,
Thy guests who join that blessed chorus
Of angels that surround thy throne.
No eye hath seen, nor ear
Was yet so blest to hear
Such rejoicing!
Henceforth may we eternally
Sing hallelujahs unto thee.

WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME
Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Tr. Jay Macpherson

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

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.*)



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef. The staff is divided into two sections by a double bar line. The first section is labeled "Intercessor" and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second section is labeled "People" and contains the notes E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, and D6. Below the staff, the lyrics "Lord, in thy mer - cy, we be - seech thee, hear our prayer." are written, with hyphens under "mer - cy" and "be - seech".

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 who work towards the cause of peace among nations, for those places experiencing the horrors of violence and war including Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan. May all war come to an end and may God's peace reign upon this Earth. (*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 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, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for _____.] And for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____. 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 for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; 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 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.

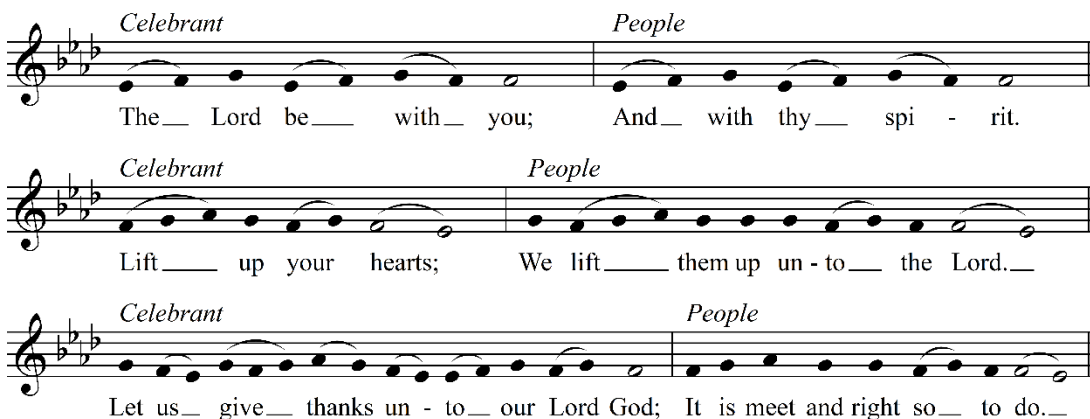
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily 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.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

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.**

The People remain kneeling.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



Celebrant *People*
The__ Lord be__ with__ you; And__ with thy__ spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift__ up your hearts; We lift__ them up un - to__ the Lord.__

Celebrant *People*
Let us__ give__ thanks un - to__ 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. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; thou dost renew that mystery in bread and wine to nourish us, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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,

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The 'Celebrant' part consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The 'People' part consists of a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and a half note B4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.


Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out — end. A - men. —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

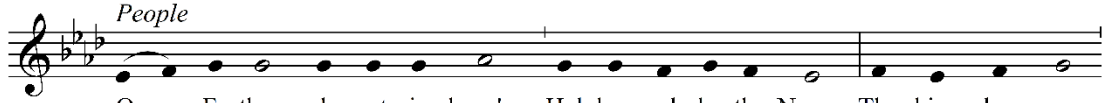
Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant

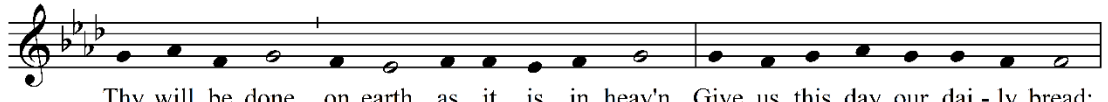


And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

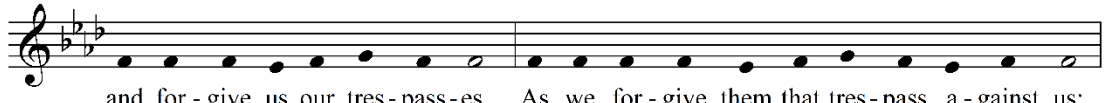
People




Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,



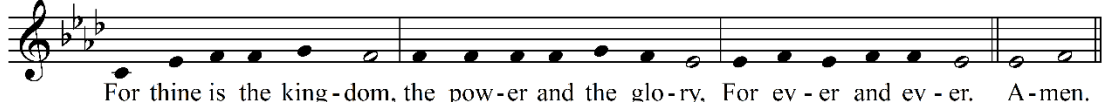
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;



and for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-li-ver us from ev-il.




For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

FRACTION & PEACE

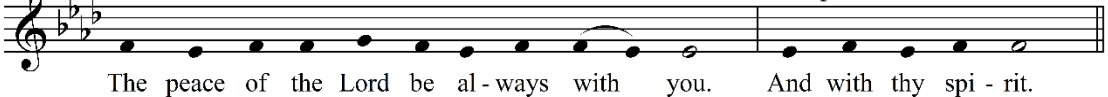
A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People



And with thy spi-rit.

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 shouldst 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.

MOTET

'Audiui vocem de caelo,' Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Audiui vocem de caelo venientem: venite omnes virgines sapientissime; oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit. Media nocte clamor factus est: ecce sponsus venit.

I heard a voice coming from heaven: come all wisest virgins; fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is coming. In the middle of the night there was a cry: behold the bridegroom comes.

(Matthew 25.6)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 64

The Lord will come and be not slow



1. The Lord will come and not be slow, His foot-steps can - not err;
2. Sure - ly to such as do him fear, sal - va - tion is at hand!
3. The na - tions all whom Thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame



Be - fore Him right-eous - ness shall go, His ro - yal har - bin - ger.
And glo - ry shall ere long ap - pear to dwell with - in our land.
To bow them low be - fore Thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy Thy Name.



Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som then;
Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wi - cked earth re - dress;
For great Thou art, and won - ders great by Thy strong hand are done:



And jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on mor - tal men.
For thou art He who shall by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
Thou in Thy e - ver - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

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

CONCLUDING HYMN 284

Thou whose almighty word

- 1 Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight,
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.
- 2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now, to all mankind,
Let here be light.

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giver from above,
Speed forth thy flight:
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in the earth's darkest place
Let there be light.
- 4 Holy and Blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light.

Moscow
F. Giardini, 1769

Rev. J. Marriott, 1813

VOLUNTARY Choral Prelude on 'Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme,' BWV 645
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.

Coffee Hour follows this service in the Parish Hall.

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

Those on the Lady Altar in memory of Frank Donald McEachern; his parents Melville Duncan McEachern and May McEachern, and his daughter, Leigh Elizabeth McEachern.

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