

# Saint Thomas's Church

## The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**Sung Mass at 9:30 am**



The wise and foolish virgins, Charles Haslewood Shannon, 1920  
The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool

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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 & Homilist:** Fr. Shire  
**Reader & Intercessor:** Michael Rowland  
**Organist & Choirmaster:** Elizabeth Anderson

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## 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.

*The Choir and People sing:*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO      Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo-ry to God in the high- est,    and peace to his peo-ple on

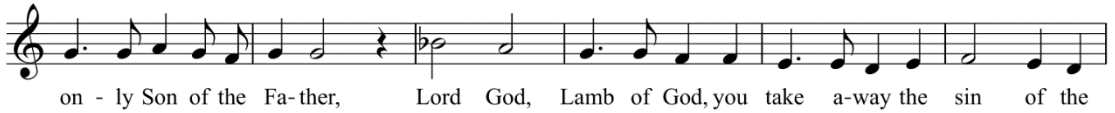


earth.    Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise— you for— your glo - ry.    Lord, Je - sus Christ,

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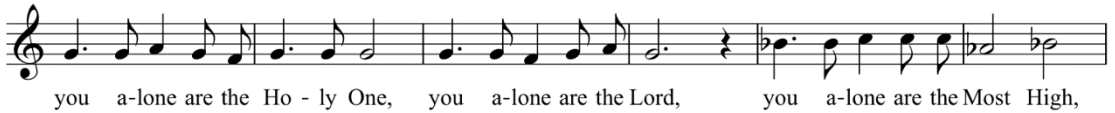
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 6.12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 78.1-7

*The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.*

We will re - count from ge - ne - ra - tions to  
come, the won - der - ful works the Lord has done.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

*Refrain.*

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. *Refrain.*

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children; that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children; so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments. *Refrain.*

### **THE EPISTLE**

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

A reading from Saint Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

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

*The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.*



*Verse: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Repeat Alleluias.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The People sit.*

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*Bow.*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*Rise.*)**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**



**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The People remain standing.*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

Our God, whose Spirit, like Wisdom, is radiant and unfading, light our way towards your habitation and hear us as we ask mercy and lovingkindness on all your creation.

For the Church, for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Anglican Communion, \_\_\_\_\_ in our Diocese, and in our parish \_\_\_\_\_. For our bishop Andrew assisted by Ryscilla and Kevin. For all who worship and minister in this place, that as Wisdom is easily found by those who seek her, we learn to search.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For those we give thanks for today, \_\_\_\_\_ that rising early, and continuing to seek, they will locate the good spirit of wisdom sitting in plain sight.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the sick, \_\_\_\_\_ that fixing their thoughts on the benefits of God's will, Wisdom will prove them free from care and comforted with her presence.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the others for whom we are asked to pray, \_\_\_\_\_ that holding open their hearts and persuing active caring, they identify Wisdom hastening towards them.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the dead, \_\_\_\_\_ that they are found worthy of Wisdom, met at each new stage of being.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Lord, whose Spirit is perfect Wisdom, grant that we accept her gift and find the courage to love, to speak truth, and fight for that peace of creation that precedes the peace of you Son. Through whom we pray, to you, One God, now and ever. **Amen.**

### **INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

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

*The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.*

## OFFERTORY 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.

CRÜGER  
Johann Crüger, 1640

James Montgomery, 1871

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The first line of musical notation is for the 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts. It is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you.'

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of musical notation continues the 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts. The melody features some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of musical notation is for the 'Celebrant' part. The melody is a single line with slurs. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

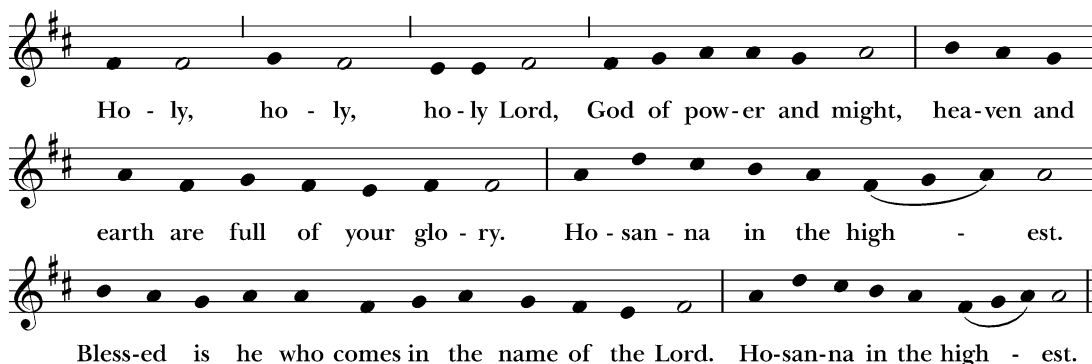
The fourth line of musical notation is for the 'People' part. The melody is a single line with slurs. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*The Choir and People sing:*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**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

*Music by McNeil Robinson*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,'



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are \_\_\_ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

**Give us this bread for ever.**

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

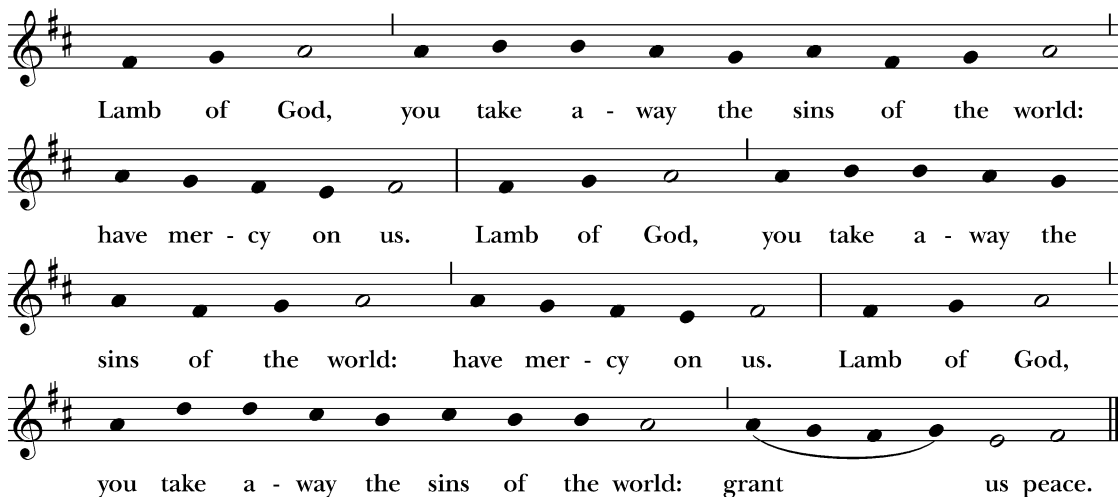
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir and People sing:*

## AGNUS DEI

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## 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 are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.*

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



## MOTET

Ave verum corpus, W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial.

(Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

## 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.

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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**

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

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.

OLD 107<sup>TH</sup>  
 Composed or arranged by Louis Bourgeois, 1543

John Milton (cento), 1648

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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