

Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XXII

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Evensong & Devotions at 5:00 pm



Christ in the Sepulchre, Guarded by Angels, William Blake, c. 1805
The Victoria and Albert Museum, London

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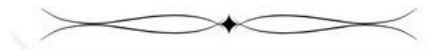
Welcome!

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. 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



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

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Grace Kelso by her husband Clair and her daughters
Charis and Felica and their families;*

and

*Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Murray Kingsburgh,
by his daughter Robin and grandsons Justin and Adam.*

Officiant: Fr. Beyers
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Elegy, George Thalben-Ball*

PRECES

∇. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

∇. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

∇. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.

∇. Praise ye — the Lord; — R. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The People sit when the Officiant sits, before the first Psalm. The choir remains standing.

PSALM 121; Anglican Chant: *H. Walford Davies; sung by the choir alone.*

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : O whence cometh my help?
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, :
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

PSALM 122

IV. 6.



Cantor 1 I WAS glad when they said **un**-to me :

People 'We will go unto the house of the **Lord**.'

2 Behold, our **feet** now stand : within thy gates, O Jerusa-**lem**.

Cantor 3 Jerusalem is built **as** a ci-ty : that is at unity in it-**self**;

People 4 Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes **of** the Lord : as was decre-ed for
Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the **Lord**.

Cantor 5 For there were set the **thrones** for judge-ment : even the thrones of the house
of Da-**vid**.

People 6 O pray for the peace **of** Je-ru-sa-lem : may they prosper that love **thee**.

Cantor 7 Peace be with-**in** thy walls : and plenteousness within thy pala-**ces**.

People 8 For my brethren and com-**pan**-ions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperi-**ty**.

Cantor 9 Yea, because of the house of the **Lord** our God : I will seek to do thee **good**.

People Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : and to the Holy **Ghost**;

Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :

People world without end. **A-men**.

PSALM 123

II. 1.



Cantor 1 UN-TO thee lift I up mine **eyes** :

People O thou that dwellest in **the** hea-**vens**.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their **mas**-ters :
and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of **her** mis-tress,

Cantor 3 Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our **God** :
until he have mercy **up**-on us.

People 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy **up**-on us :
for we are utterly **des**-pis-ed.

Cantor 5 Our soul is fill-ed with the scornful reproof of the **weal**-thy :
and with the despiteful-**ness** of the proud.

People Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and to **the** Ho^ly Ghost;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
People world without **end**. A-men.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Maccabees 2.49-69

The First Lesson is written in the first book of the Maccabees, in the second chapter, beginning at the forty-ninth verse.

Now the days drew near for Mattathias to die, and he said to his sons: 'Arrogance and scorn have now become strong; it is a time of ruin and furious anger. Now, my children, show zeal for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our ancestors. 'Remember the deeds of the ancestors, which they did in their generations; and you will receive great honour and an everlasting name. Was not Abraham found faithful when tested, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness? Joseph in the time of his distress kept the commandment, and became lord of Egypt. Phinehas our ancestor, because he was deeply zealous, received the covenant of everlasting priesthood. Joshua, because he fulfilled the command, became a judge in Israel. Caleb, because he testified in the assembly, received an inheritance in the land. David, because he was merciful, inherited the throne of the kingdom for ever. Elijah, because of great zeal for the law, was taken up into heaven. Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael believed and were saved from the flame. Daniel, because of his innocence, was delivered from the mouth of the lions. 'And so observe, from generation to generation, that none of those who put their trust in him will lack strength. Do not fear the words of sinners, for their splendour will turn into dung and worms. Today they will be exalted, but tomorrow they will not be found, because they will have returned to the dust, and their plans will have perished. My children, be courageous and grow strong in the law, for by it you will gain honour. 'Here is your brother Simeon who, I know, is wise in counsel; always listen to him; he shall be your father. Judas Maccabeus has been a mighty warrior from his youth; he shall command the army for you and fight the battle against the peoples. You shall rally around you all who observe the law, and avenge the wrong done to your people. Pay back the Gentiles in full, and obey the commands of the law.' Then he blessed them, and was gathered to his ancestors.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, *Matthew Larkin*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; /
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; /
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4

The Second Lesson is written in St Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we

speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Nunc Dimittis, *Gustav Holst*

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace,
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat, nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.


APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

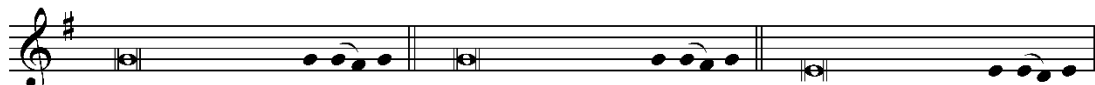
I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

**And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
 The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
 The Resurrection of the body,
 And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



V̇. The Lord be ___ with ___ you; Ṙ. And with thy ___ spi - rit. V̇. Let us pray.



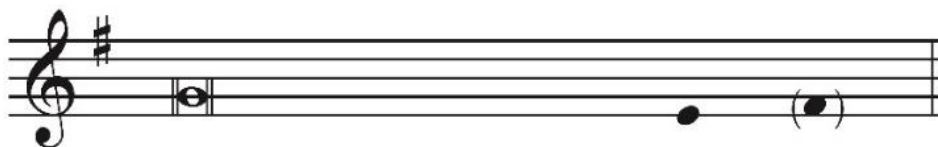
V̇. Lord, have mercy up-on us. Ṙ. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V̇. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,

Our Father
**who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on
 earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our
 trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into
 temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE RESPONSES



V̇. O Lord, show thy mercy up-**on** us;
 Ṙ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

V̇. O Lord, save **the** King,
 Ṙ. And mercifully hear us when we call up-**on** thee.

V̇. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**-ness.
 Ṙ. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

℞. And bless thine inhe-**ri-tance**.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;

℞. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;

℞. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

'Lord, Thou hast been our refuge,' *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest come again children of men for a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night. As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered. For we consume away in Thy displeasure and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation. For when Thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as a tale that has been told. The years of our age are three score years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength but labour and sorrow. So passeth it away and we are gone. Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants. O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

(Words taken from Psalm 90)

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

HYMN 379 – O God, our help in ages past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

HEREFORD

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

MOTET

‘O taste and see,’ *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

(Ps 34, v.8)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

GRAFTON

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

The People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven;
Containing in itself all sweet-ness.

COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon:

Cantor

People



Tone VI



O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ër. Praise the^Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.