

**Saint Thomas's Church**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**Holy Baptism and Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock**



*He Hid His Lord's Money*

Stained Glass at The Church of St Edward,  
Corfe Castle, created between 1860 and 1900



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**Cantor:** Jennifer McCallum  
**Reader:** David Kent  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**Please note that the wearing of masks by all  
in the church building is mandatory.**

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Communion Service in E Minor, *René Becker*

**PRELUDE:** Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639, *J.S. Bach*

**THE BAPTISM OF NATHAN RANSOM ALEXANDER ORSAG**

The service starts in the Narthex.

*Please stand when the bell rings.*

*The priest will begin by saying:*

Dearly beloved in Christ, seeing that God willeth all men to be saved from the fault and corruption of the nature which they inherit, as well as from the actual sins which they commit, and that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that he will grant to this Child that which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living member of the same.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who through thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ didst sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin: We beseech thee mercifully to look upon this Child; wash him and sanctify him with the Holy Spirit; that he may be received into thy holy Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass through the dangers of this troublesome world, that finally he may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The child will be brought into the church as the priest says:*

Child, enter thou into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

*Then the priest shall say:*

Beloved, in the Holy Gospel of our Saviour Christ, he commanded the children to be brought unto him; he blamed those that would have kept them from him; he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. By his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Be ye, therefore, assured that he will likewise favourably receive this present child; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him partaker of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward this child, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say together:

**Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks That thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy grace, And faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to this child, That he may be born again, And may inherit everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE PROMISES

Dearly beloved, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ may be pleased to receive, cleanse, and sanctify this Child, and grant unto him the blessing of eternal life, which things Christ, for his part, will most surely perform. And now this Child, on his part, must through you, his Sponsors, promise and vow that he will renounce the devil and all his works, believe in Christ, and obediently keep God's commandments.

*Then shall the Priest say to the Sponsors:*

Do you, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Answer: I do.

*Then shall the priest say:*

Let us recite the Articles of our Belief.

**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.**

*Then shall the priest say to the Sponsors:*

Do you, in the name of this Child, profess this faith?

Answer: I do.

Do you, in the name of this Child, seek Baptism into this faith?

Answer: I do.

Do you, in the name of this Child, acknowledge the duty to keep God's holy will and commandments, walking stedfastly in the Way of Christ?

Answer: I do.

Will you pray for this Child, and take care that he may learn and do all these things?

Answer: I will.

*Then shall the Priest make the following supplications:*

O merciful God, grant that all sinful desires may die in this Child, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him. *Amen.*

Grant that he may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever here shall begin to be of thy flock may evermore continue in the same. *Amen.*

## THE BAPTISM

Priest: The Lord be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People: It is meet and right so to do.

*Then shall the Priest say:*

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, for that thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ upon the Cross, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and after his glorious Resurrection gave commandment to his disciples, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Regard, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy Church. Sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that this child, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*Then the priest shall say to the Sponsors: Name this Child.*

*And then, naming him after them, he shall pour water upon him, saying:*

Nathan Ransom Alexander, I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Then shall the Priest say:*

We receive this Child into the Congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign him with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and faithfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. **Amen.**

*The cantor sings Vidi Aquam*

*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."*

*Then shall the Priest say:*

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate Nathan, with thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child by adoption, and to make him a member of thy holy Church. Grant, O Lord, that being baptized into the death of Christ, he may also be made partaker of his resurrection, so that serving thee here in newness of life, he may finally, with all thy holy Church, inherit thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE DUTIES

*The Priest shall say to the Sponsors and Parents:*

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as you have brought Nathan to be baptized into the family of Christ's Church, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that he be taught what a solemn vow, promise and profession he has here made by you; and that he be instructed in the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Church Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health, continually mortifying all evil desires, and daily increasing in all virtue and godliness of living.

Use all diligence therefore to see that he be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; teach him to pray, take his part in public worship, and to go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his Church.

Will you be faithful in the fulfilment of these duties?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose beloved Son did share in Nazareth the life of an earthly home: Bless, we beseech thee, the home of this Child, and grant wisdom and understanding to all who shall have the care of him, that he may grow up in stedfast love and reverence of thy holy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 67** – On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry

1 On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge, and our great Reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away,  
Like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Earth’s own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, Eternal Son, to thee  
Whose Advent doth thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

*WINCHESTER NEW*  
*Tr. (1837) from C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler*

*Musicalisch Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690*

*Please stand for the Collect*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.*



*Please be seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord.

The word of the Lord  
R / *Thanks be to God*

**PSALM 90.1-8, 12**

- 1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge, / from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever the earth and the world were made, /  
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 Thou turnest man back to the dust, /  
and thou sayest, “Return, ye children of men.’
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, /  
and as a watch in the night.
- 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; /  
in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.
- 6 In the morning it is green and groweth up, /  
but in the evening it is cut down and withered.

- 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, /  
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.  
8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, /  
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.  
12 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, /  
or feareth aright thine indignation?

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The word of the Lord  
R/ *Thanks be to God*

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25.14-30**

**R / *Glory be to thee O Lord***

“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

The Gospel of Christ

**R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ***

**SERMON**

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Cantor only*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 377 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus – the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks – and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.

*RICHMOND*  
*Rev. Charles Wesley, 1740*

*adapted from T. Haweis by S. Webbe (the younger), 1770-1843*

## 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.*

*Please kneel*

## INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Andrew our bishop, Jenny our area bishop, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate. We give thanks this day for Nathan Orsag's baptism into Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen, and for all in authority in our country, province and city; for all entrusted with promoting and protecting our health and safety during the pandemic; for justice and peace among all people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need: for the sick, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for the elderly and isolated; for prisoners; for those who mourn and all for whom we have been asked to pray, especially \_\_\_\_\_

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for\_\_\_\_\_; that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only that which is in accordance with thy will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.***

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.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

V / The Lord be with you; R / *And with thy spirit.*

V / Lift up your hearts; R / *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; R / *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.

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 Cantor sings:*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.***

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;

R / *And with thy spirit.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*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 Cantor sings:*

*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.*

**MOTET:** Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen! BWV 51, *J.S. Bach*

*Exult in God in every land! Whatever creatures are contained by heaven and earth must raise up this praise, and now we shall likewise bring an offering to our God, since He has stood with us at all times during suffering and necessity.*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please kneel*

Celebrant: 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.*

**POSTLUDE:** Herr Gott nun schleuß den Himmel auf, BWV 1092, *J.S. Bach*

*Sidespeople will direct the congregation to exit the church beginning from the back pews.  
Those who wish to remain to the end of the Postlude may do so.*