Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XIX Sunday, October 23, 2022 Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Stained glass in the Church of St. Conan, Loch Awe, Scotland Photograph by Andrea Kirkby

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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

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.



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

Those on the High Altar are in memory of Captain Gordon and Mary Walsh, from Gord Walsh;

and

Those on the Lady Altar in memory of loved ones, by the Rev'd Clement Carelse and Christine Hurlbut-Carelse.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Shire Reader: Willem Hart Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS: Communion Service, William Mathias

PRELUDE: Fugue in D Major, Healey Willan

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.

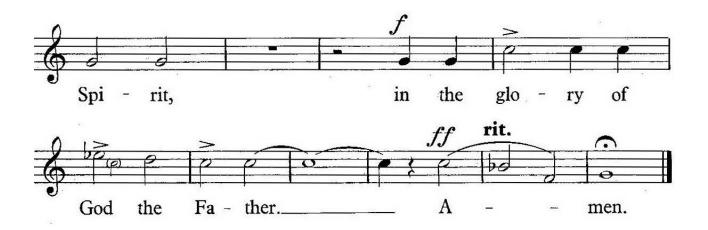
Christ,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Communion Service, William Mathias Glo - ry to God in the high - est,___ and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God_ and_ wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we Fa - ther,__ we praise__ you for__ your_ glo -Lord Je - sus_ ry._

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,____

Lord God,





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Sirach 35.12-17

A reading from the book of Sirach.

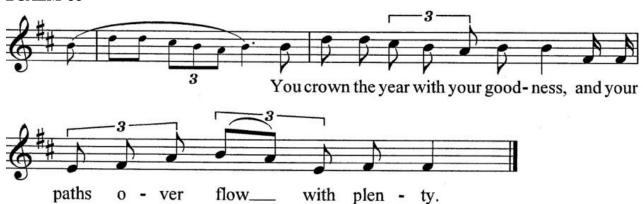
Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing the response:

PSALM 65



Response:

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths over flow with plenty.

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **R**/.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. R/.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. **R**/.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. R/.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

A reading from St Paul's second epistle to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. The choir will sing the first three Alleluias, followed by the people; a cantor will sing the verse and then all sing the final three Alleluias.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18.9-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to

his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

Celebrant: Friends in Christ, let us call to the Lord, asking his blessing by saying Lord, bless all your servants.

Intercessor: For the Church in the world, () in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, () in the Diocesan Cycle, Andrew our Bishop and all who worship and minister in this place, that they judge not neither do they take pride in riches.

Lord, bless all your servants.

For all in authority, particularly at this time of local elections, that they remember the words of the parable, humbling themselves to serve all their people alike.

Lord, bless all your servants.

We give thanks for all around us, known and unknown. For those who join us remotely, especially for (). May we and they rely on the gifts given us of God and be that blessing.

Lord, bless all your servants.

For the sick, those named to us today and those known only to God (). For victims of violence and war. Elders, prisoners, refugees, and migrants. For mourners and those for whom our prayers are asked (). May they be comforted by the everpresent love of God.

Lord, bless all your servants.

For the dead, those who have died recently (), and those whose year's mind falls today (). That sharing in new life, they share also on the rebirth in the city of God.

Lord, bless all your servants.

Celebrant; God our Comfort, who is afflicted in the afflictions of your people and blessed in their blessings, recall with tender compassion those in anxiety and distress; hear their sorrows and cares; supply all their many needs; and help both them and us to put trust and confidence in you. Through Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 374 – Ye boundless realms of joy

1 Ye boundless realms of joy, Exalt your Maker's fame, His praise your song employ Above the starry frame; Your voices raise, Ye cherubim And seraphim, To sing his praise.

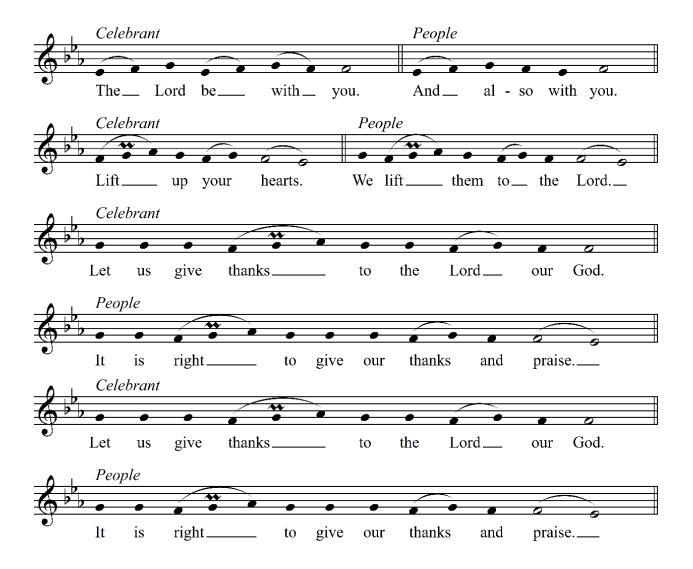
- 2 Thou moon, that rul'st the night,
 And sun, that guid'st the day,
 Ye glittering stars of light,
 To him your homage pay.
 His praise declare,
 Ye heavens above,
 And clouds that move
 In liquid air.
- 3 Let them adore the Lord,
 And praise his holy Name,
 By whose almighty word
 They all from nothing came;
 And all shall last
 From changes free;
 His firm decree
 Stands ever fast.
- 4 United zeal be shown
 His wondrous fame to raise,
 Whose glorious Name alone
 Deserves our endless praise.
 Earth's utmost ends
 His power obey:
 His glorious sway
 The sky transcends.

CROFT'S 136TH Dr William Croft, 1709 Tate and Brady, 1696

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

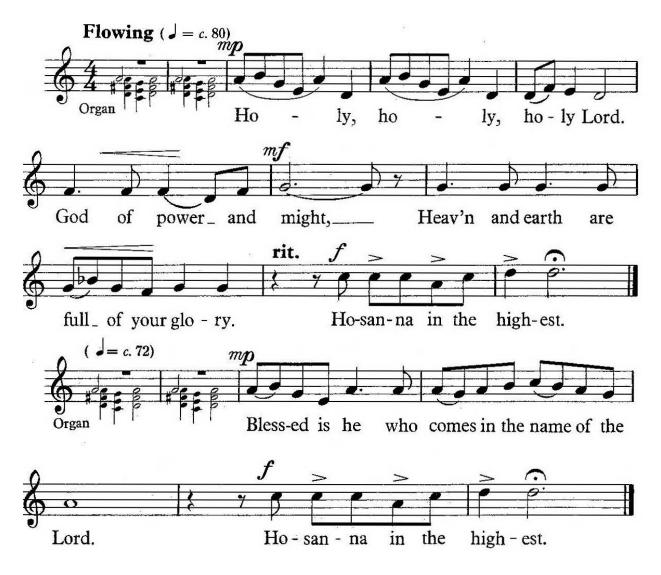
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



The People remain standing.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

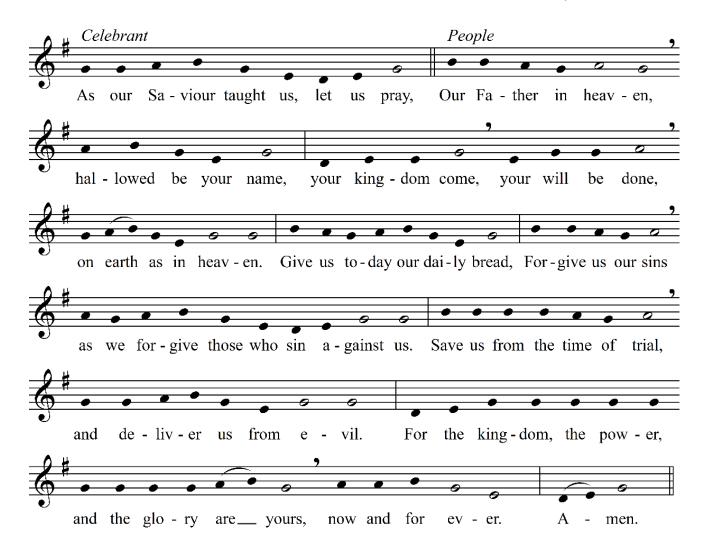
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

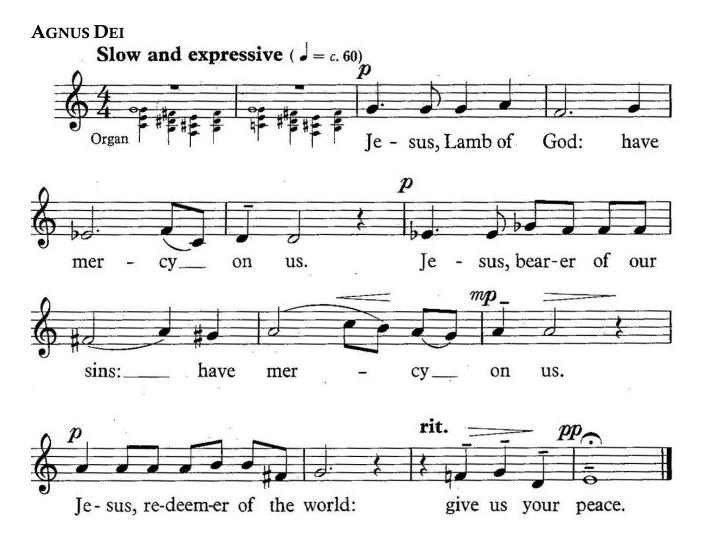
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



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!

Lord Jesu, thou art sweetness to my soul: I to myself am bitterness: Regard my fainting struggle toward the goal, Regard my manifold distress, O sweet Jesu. Thou art thyself my goal, O Lord, my King; Stretch forth thy hand to save my soul: What matters more or less of journeying? While I touch thee I touch my goal, O sweet Jesu.

(Christina Rossetti)

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Christ, the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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.**

CONCLUDING HYMN 589 – Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

- 1 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, If thou wouldst my disciple be; Deny thyself, the world forsake, And humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up thy cross; let not its weight Fill thy weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear thy spirit up, And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- 3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let thy foolish pride rebel; Thy Lord for thee the Cross endured, To save thy soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength, And calmly every danger brave; 'Twill guide thee to a better home, And lead to victory o'er the grave.

- 5 Take up thy cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only he who bears the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown.
- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, All praise for evermore ascend; O grant us in our home to see The heavenly life that knows no end.

BRESLAU As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625 Rev. C.W. Everest, 1833

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major, BWV 547, J.S. Bach

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