

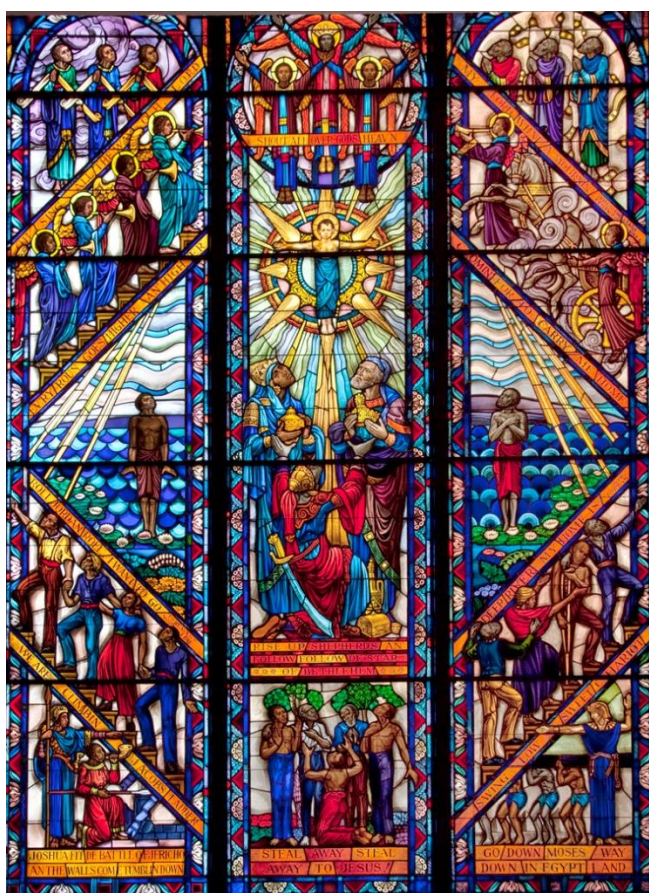


# Saint Thomas's Church

**First Evensong of All Saints' Day**  
**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Evensong at 4:00 pm**

On Zoom  
Followed by Coffee Hour



A re-creation of Katherine Lamb Tait's *Singing Windows*  
by J. & R. Lamb Studios, 1969  
University Chapel, Tuskegee, Alabama

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

*Those at the High Altar in memory of Reginald,  
Bertha and Jeanne Anson-Cartwright, by their family;*

*Those on the Lady Altar in memory of Arnold Heldt Sr., Arnold Heldt Jr.,  
and Marie Heldt, from George Heldt.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Shire  
**Cantors:** Elizabeth Anderson & Rigzin Tute

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**HYMN 613** - O what their joy and their glory must be

- 1 O what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;  
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be All, and in all, ever blest.
- 2 What are the Monarch, his court and his throne?  
What are the peace and the joy that they own?  
O that the blest ones, who in it have share,  
All that they feel could as fully declare!
- 3 Truly Jerusalem name that we shore,  
Vision of peace, that brings joy evermore;  
Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,  
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 4 There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
We the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing;  
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Thy blessed people eternally raise.
- 5 Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high,  
We for that country must yearn and must sigh;  
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.
- 6 Low before him with our praises we fall,  
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;  
Of whom, the Father, and in whom, the Son;  
Through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

*REGNATOR ORBIS (O QUANTA QUALIA)*  
*Adapted from a melody in La Feillée's Plain Chant, 1808*

*Tr. (1854) from the Latin of Peter Abelard (12<sup>th</sup> Cent.) by Rev J.M. Neale*

V / O Lord, open thou our lips;  
R / **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**  
V / O God, make speed to save us;  
R / **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
V / Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
R / **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**  
V / Praise ye the Lord;  
R / **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**PSALM: 34 – *Benedicam Domino – Tone V, 3***

- 1 I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; / his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; /  
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me, / and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; / yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.
- 5 O look unto him and be lightened; / and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him; /  
yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, /  
and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: /  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; / for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; /  
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; / I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that desireth to live, / and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, / and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; / seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, /  
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, /  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, /  
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, /  
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; / but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones, / so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; /  
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; /  
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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.

### FIRST LESSON – 2 Esdras 2.42-end

The First Lesson is written in the second chapter of the second book of Esdras, beginning at the forty-second verse. I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly.

So I asked the angel, and said, ‘Sir, what are these?’ He answered and said unto me, ‘These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms.’

Then said I unto the angel, ‘What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?’ So he answered and said unto me, ‘It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world.’ Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

Then the angel said unto me, ‘Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God, thou hast seen.’

Here endeth the First Lesson

### THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Tone VI*

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 – Hebrews 11.32-12.2

The Second Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the thirty-second verse.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here endeth the First Lesson

### NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles: *Tone VI*

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

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.

*V* / The Lord be with you;

*R* / **And with thy spirit.**

*V* / Let us pray.

*V* / Lord, have mercy upon us.

*R* / **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*V* / Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People:* **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;

*People:* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

*People:* **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*People:* **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*People:* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### THE COLLECT OF ALL SAINTS

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*



## PRAYERS

*(the General Thanksgiving may be said)*

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*