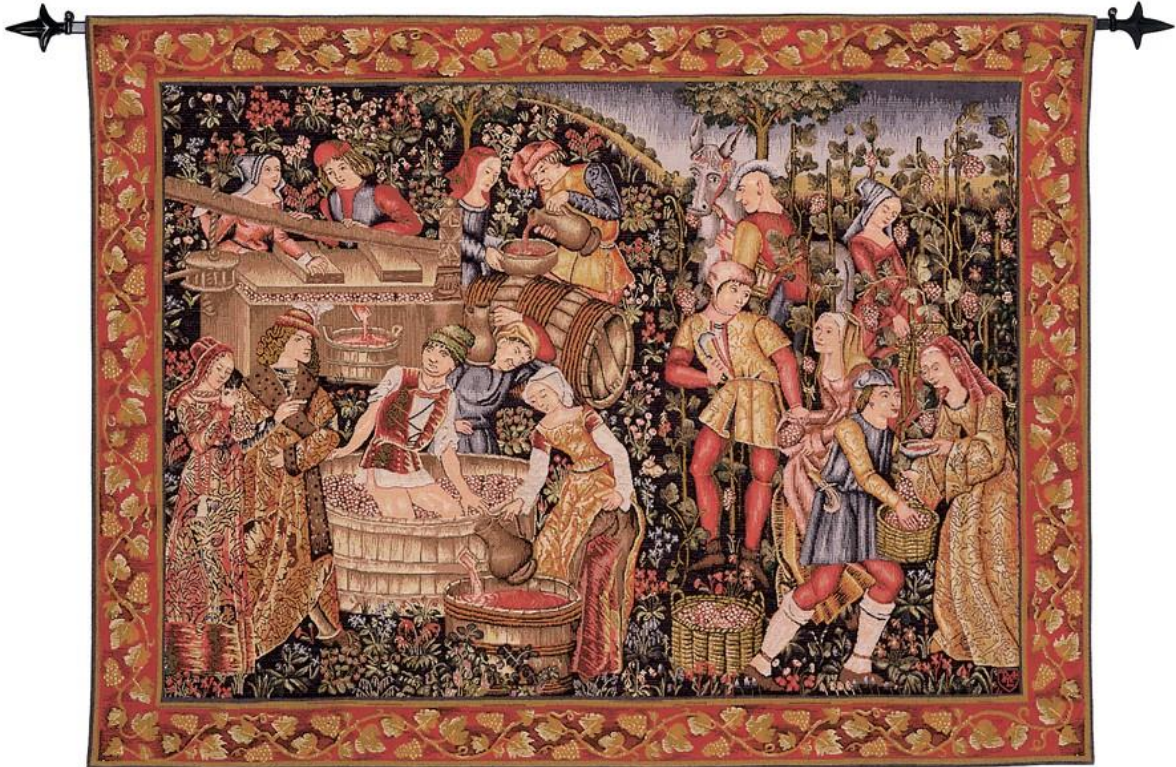


Saint Thomas's Church

**Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday, October 9, 2022**

High Mass at 11 o'clock



*This tapestry was woven in France in the late 15th Century.
It can be seen at the Cluny Museum in Paris.*

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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 at the High Altar in loving memory of Alf Hansen, Mae Hansen,
Albert Maslen, and Ila Maslen McArthur,
grandparents of Wendy Hansen-McEachern;*

and

*Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Jean and Stanley Somerville,
by Maureen Somerville.*

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

MUSIC OF THE MASS – The Mass of St Thomas, *Derek Holman*

Throughout this booklet, the People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.

PRELUDE: Nun danket alle Gott, *Flor Peeters*

The People stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting when the Choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

ENTRANCE HYMN 307 – Come, ye thankful people, come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin:
God our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!

- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There for ever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

ST GEORGE
Sir G.J. Elvey, 1858

Dean Henry Alford, 1844

The People kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

O Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir alone sings the Kyrie.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison.

The People stand. The People and Choir sing the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis
Harmonized by Walter MacNutt

Celebrant *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God hea - ven - ly King, God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - su Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,
have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;
thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high
in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er. Amen.

The People remain standing for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and hast given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

The First Lesson is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of Deuteronomy, beginning at the first verse.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

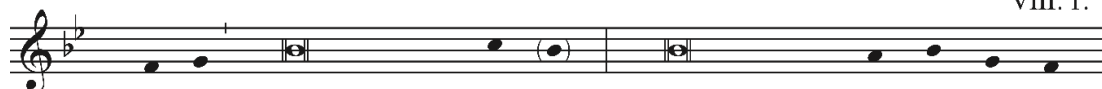
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

Jubilate Deo

VIII. 1.



Cantor 1 O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye **lands** :

People serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his **pre**-sence with a ^song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is **God** : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep **of** his pas-ture.

Cantor 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with **praise** : be thankful unto him, and speak **good** of his Name.

People 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ever-**last**-ing : and his truth endureth from generation to **ge**-ne-ra-tion.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 14.14-18

The Second Lesson is written in the fourteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand. The Choir sings the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia. Alleluia. Those who sowed with tears shall reap with songs of joy. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6.25-35

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."

THE NICENE CREED

Credo (Missa de Angelis) Mode V

harmonized by Walter MacNutt

Celebrant I be- lieve in one God *

Full
the Fáth- er Al- migh- ty, Má- ker of héa- v'n and eárth,
And of áll things vís- i- ble and in- vís- i- ble:
And in oíne Lórd Jé- sus Chríst, the ón- ly- be- gót- ten Són of Gód,
Be- gót- t'n of the Fáth- er be- fóre all wórlds;
Gód, of Gód; Líght, of Líght; Vé- ry Gód, of vé- ry Gód;
Be- gót- ten, nó t máde; Bé- ing of one súb- stance with the Fáth- er;
Through whóm all things were máde: Who for ús mén and for oúr sal- vá- tion



came down from héa- v'n, And was in- cár- nate by the Hó- ly Ghóst



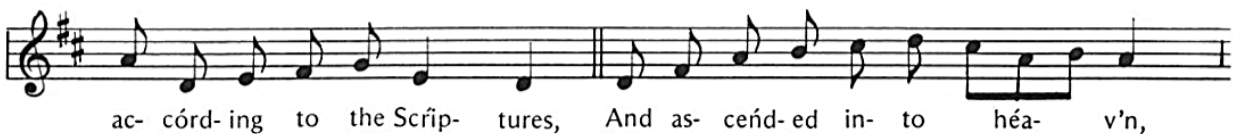
of the Vír- gin Má- ry, And was máde mán, And was



crú- ci- fi- ed ál- so for ús un- der Pón- tius Pí- late.



He súf- fer- ed and was bú- ri- ed, And the thírđ day he róse a- gáin




ac- córd- ing to the Scríp- tures, And as- ceńd- ed in- to héa- v'n,



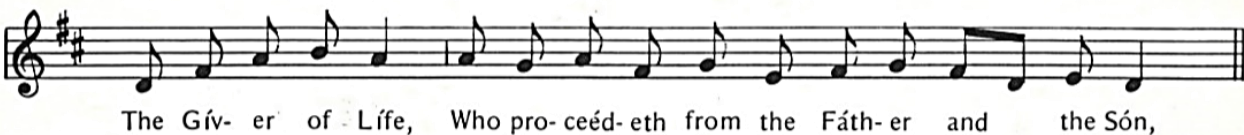
And sí- teth on the ríght hand of the Fáth- er.



And hé shall cóme a- gain with gló- ry to júdge both the quíck and the deáđ:



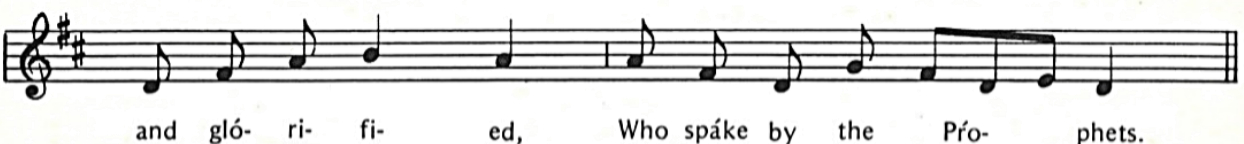
Whose kíng- dom shall háve no eńd. And I be- líeve in the Hó- ly Ghóst, The Lořđ,



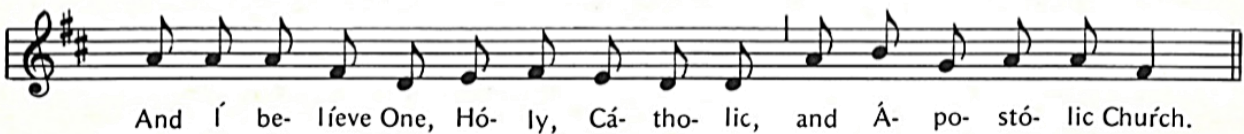
The Gív- er of Lífe, Who pro- ceéd- eth from the Fáth- er and the Són,



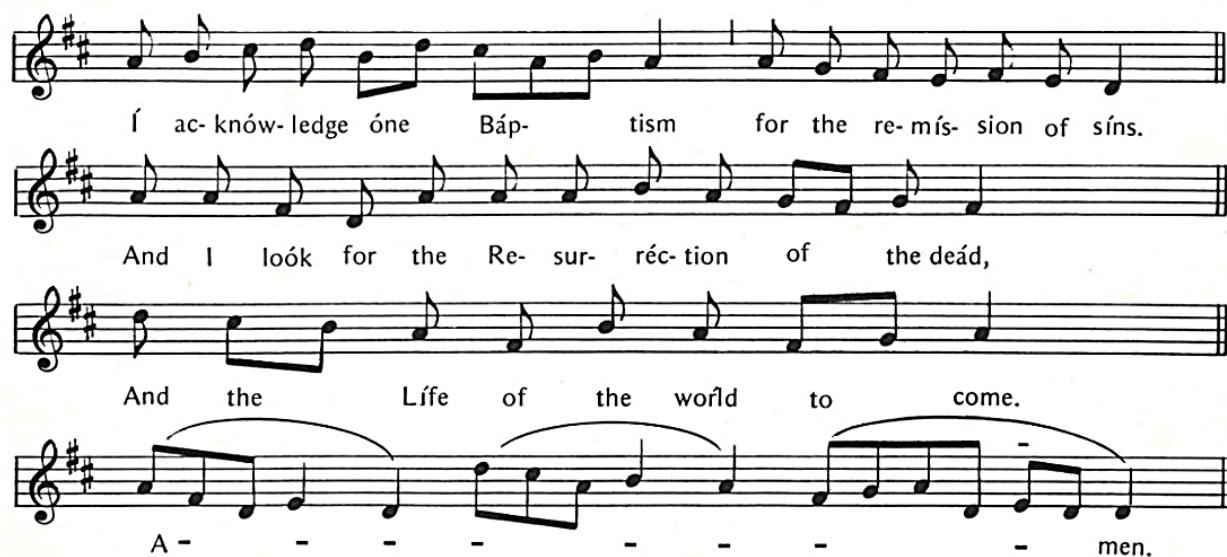
Who with the Fáth- er and the Són to- géth- er is wór- ship- ped



and gló- ri- fi- ed, Who spáke by the Pró- phets.



And Í be- líeve One, Hó- ly, Cá- tho- lic, and Á- po- stó- lic Chúrčh.



I ac-knowledge óne Báp-tism for the re-mís-sion of síns.
 And I loók for the Re-sur-réc-tion of the deád,
 And the Lífe of the worłd to come.
 A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 393 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
 All ye who hear,
 Now to his temple draw near
 Joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
 Hast thou not seen
 How thy entreaties have been
 Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
 Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do,
 If with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5 Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

6 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

LOBE DEN HERREN
Stralsund Gesängbuch, 1665

J. Neander (1680)
Tr. (1863) C. Winkworth and others

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

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.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for_____, according to the Diocesan prayer cycle we pray for_____, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (*Silence.*)

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

I bid your prayers for the King and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

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

I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____. We give thanks especially for this day for the bounty of creation, for the harvest and those who work in the fields, and for the wisdom to preserve this Earth [and for _____] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

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

I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

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

I bid your prayers for the souls of 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. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

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

Celebrant: Father, thy Son promised that when we meet in his name and pray according to his mind, he will be amongst us and deliver our thanksgivings to thy ear. Let these petitions meet with thy approval and rise like incense to thy pleasure. Let our thanks be as wholesome rejoicing in thy sight, we ask in his name who with thee and the spirit are one God, now and ever. Amen.

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & 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.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

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.**

The People remain kneeling.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit." The second staff is also divided into two parts: Celebrant and People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord." The third staff is divided into two parts: Celebrant and People. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; 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. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; thou dost renew that mystery in bread and wine to nourish us, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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 Choir alone sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
† Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
† Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,



The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The staff is divided into two sections by a vertical bar line. The first section is labeled 'Celebrant' and contains the melody for the words 'O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end.' The second section is labeled 'People' and contains the melody for the words 'A - men. ___'. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with a final cadence.

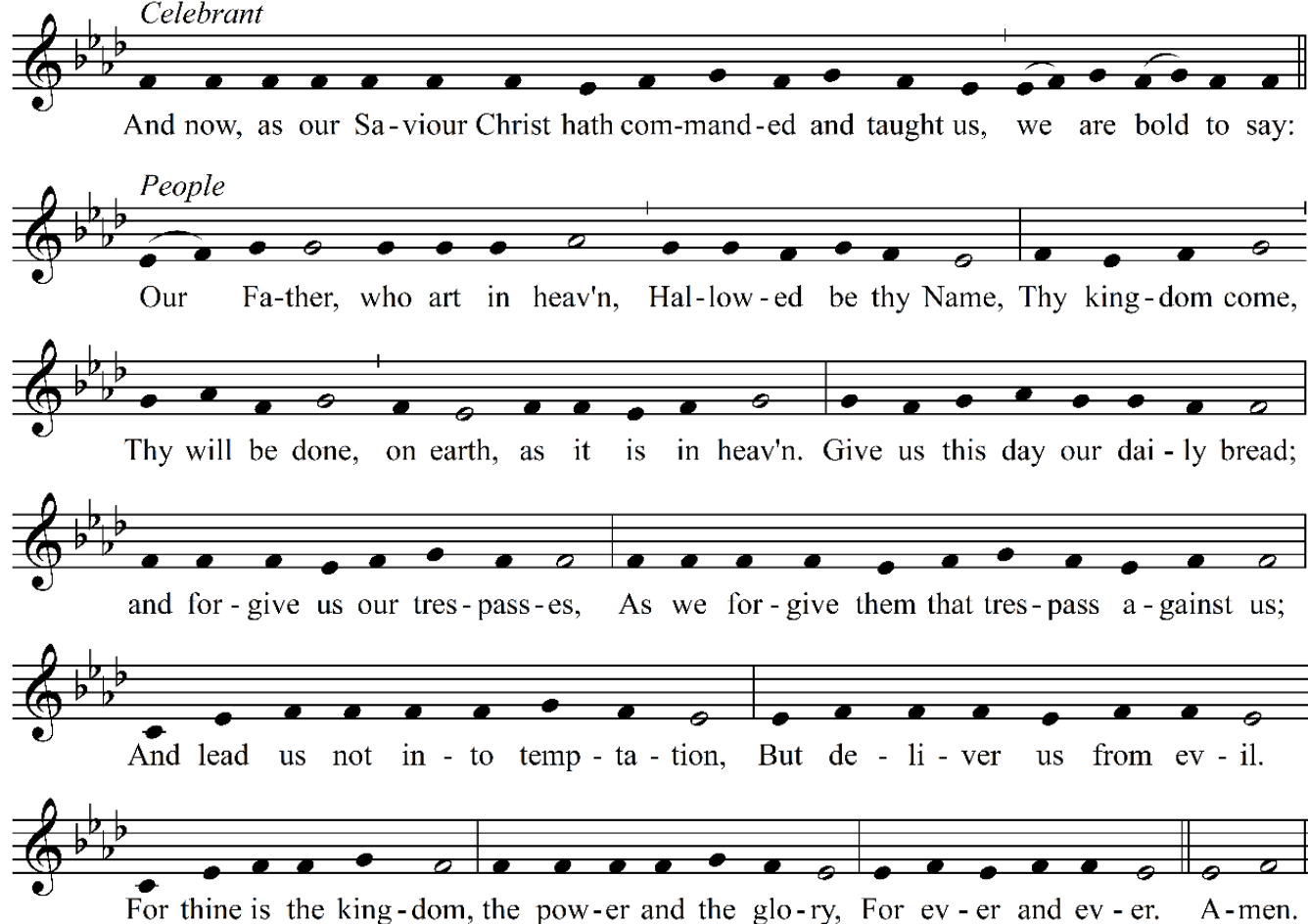
Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end. A - men. ___

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant



And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

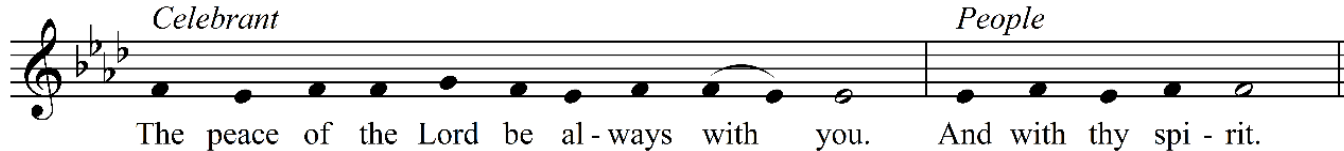
People

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;
and for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us;
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-li-ver us from ev-il.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

FRACTION & PEACE

The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant *People*



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you. And with thy spi-rit.

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 Choir alone sings:

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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.

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!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy 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.

MOTET: 'Thou visitest the earth,' *Maurice Greene (1695-1755)*

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: and crownest the year with Thy goodness.
(Psalm 65, v. 10, 12, 13)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 312 – Praise to God, immortal praise

1 Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ:

- 2 For the blessings of the fields,
For the stores the garden yields,
Flocks that whiten all the plain;
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
- 3 All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land:
All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores.
- 4 These, to thee, O God, we owe:
Source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS
medieval French c 12th Century

Anna L. Barbauld, 1772

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 305 – Now thank we all our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.
- 2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

NUN DANKET
J. Crüger, 1647

Tr from the German of Rev M. Rinkart (1636)
by Catherine Winkworth

POSTLUDE: Nun danket alle Gott, *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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