

Saint Thomas's Church

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

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



The Harvest, Vincent van Gogh, 1888
Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

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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
Reader: Georgiana Beal
Interim Organist & Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS: A Parish Mass, *Derek Holman*

PRELUDE: Nun danket alle Gott, *Flor Peeters*

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.

The choir and people sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

A Parish Mass, *Derek Holman*


With vigour ♩ = 132 *f*

Glo - ry to God - in - the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

9
Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

14

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your_ glo - ry.

20 *p*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

26


take a - way the sin of the world:_ have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

32 *rit.*

right hand_ of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

37 **A tempo** *f*

For you a - lone_ are_ the Ho - ly One, you a - lone_ are the

43

Lord, you a - lone are the Most_ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

48 *rit.*

Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther,_ A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

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.

The Choir and People sing the response:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 100



Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R/.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. *R/*.

SECOND READING: Revelation 14.14-18

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.

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. Alleluia. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6.25-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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: Let us give thanks to the force behind all Creation, saying; “We thank you Lord.”

Intercessor: For the beauty and wonder of Creation; “**We thank you Lord.**”

For all that is gracious in our lives, revealing the image of Christ;
“**We thank you Lord.**”

For our daily food, for its diversity and seasonal abundance, for those who produce it and all who direct it's preparation and transport and for those who prepare and serve each dish with care; “**We thank you Lord.**”

For minds to think and hearts to love; **“We thank you Lord.”**

For health, strength, and skill to work, for leisure to rest and play, and for those who are not yet able, those who are sick; xxxxxxxx, in need of your healing.

“We thank you Lord.”

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering, and faithful in adversity; Those others for whom we are asked to pray; xxxxxxxx.

“We thank you Lord, for giving us this opportunity to reach out in care for others.”

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth [and those for whom we give thanks especially to-day; xxxxxxxx] **“We thank you Lord.”**

For (xxxxxxx and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ;

“We thank you Lord.”

Celebrant: Father, Creator, your Son promised that when we meet in his name and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and communicate our thanksgivings to your ear. Let these petitions meet with your approval and rise like incense to your pleasure. Let our thanks be as wholesome rejoicing in your sight we ask in his name who with you and the spirit is one God, now and ever. **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 305 – Now thank we all our God

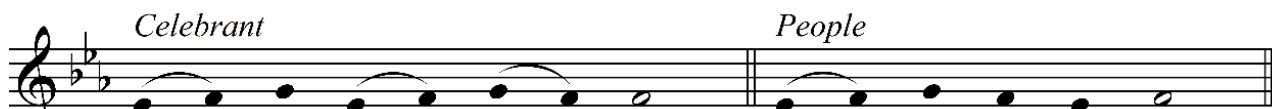
- 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.
- 2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever 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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*




The___ Lord be___ with___ you. And___ al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



Lift___ up your hearts. We lift___ them to___ the Lord.---

Celebrant



Let us give thanks_____ to the Lord___ our God.

People



It is right_____ to give our thanks and praise.---

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 with bread and wine to 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.

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Con moto ♩ = 100 *f*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, -

9 *a little faster*

Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

17 *rit.* *A tempo* *p*

Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is

24 *rit.* *mf* *rit.*

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 LORD’S PRAYER

Music by McNeil Robinson

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The lyrics are: "As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins".

as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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.

The Choir alone sings,

AGNUS DEI

¹ **Slowly** ♩ = 84 **p**
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 7
 God you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 11 **Slower**
 God you take a-way the sin of the world grant us peace.

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!

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)

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 of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of mercy, who so freely bestows manifold gifts upon us, grant you a thankful heart to receive all the wonders of creation; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this holy day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING 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

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.