

Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XIII

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Christ and the Sinner, Max Beckmann, 1917
St Louis Art Museum

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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 by David and Mary Lou Harrison, in loving memory of James and Vera Bonham, Elwood and Golding Foster, Ralph and Ruby Harrison, John Saunders, and the Reverend Canon Warren and Dorothy Turner;

and

Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Alice and Harry Barnsley; James Blair and Alma Elizabeth Stephen, and Peter Stephen by Earl and Elizabeth Barnsley and family

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr Shire
Reader: John Stuart
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

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

PRELUDE: Schönster Herr Jesu, *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.

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”’ “The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ ‘And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing the response:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 14



Response: **The Lord looks down from heav'n upon us all.**

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. **R/.**

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? **R/.**

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous. Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge. Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. **R/.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

A reading from St Paul's first Epistle to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and 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. Alleluia. There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15.1-10

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.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all in authority in our country, province, and city. We pray especially for the King of Canada upon his accession, Charles, third of that name, and for all the Commonwealth. May all who govern be led in the ways of peace, justice, and righteousness, that they honour and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask 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 _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask 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 your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially for Elizabeth, Queen of Canada, _____ and all 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 your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Accept our prayers, God of mercy, in union with Jesus Christ, who offered his life for our salvation upon the wood of the cross and who now reigns with you in eternal glory forever 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 401 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
 In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.

4 Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
 Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 All laud we would render: O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

ST BASIL
Healey Willan (1880-1968), 1918

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), 1867

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The__ Lord be__ with__ you. *People* And__ al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift__ up your hearts. *People* 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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as 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.

Detailed description: The musical score is written on a single staff in 2/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking 'Con moto' and a quarter note equal to 100 beats. The first line (measures 1-8) features a melody starting on a whole rest, followed by eighth notes and quarter notes, with a forte dynamic. The second line (measures 9-16) continues the melody with a 'a little faster' instruction. The third line (measures 17-23) includes a ritardando, a return to 'A tempo', and a piano dynamic. The fourth line (measures 24-31) features another ritardando and a mezzo-forte dynamic.

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."

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** $\text{♩} = 84$ **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.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion, please inform 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 as it passes 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

‘God be in my head,’ *Peter Aston*

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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 peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God which passes 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 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 604 – Fairest Lord Jesus

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, thee I will honour,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 4 All fairest beauty
Heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

CRUSADER'S HYMN
Silesian Folksong
Arr James Hopkirk, 1938

from the German, 17th Cent.

POSTLUDE: Finale Jubilante, *Healey Willan*

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