

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity  
Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock**



**Celebrant:** Fr D'Angelo

**Homilist:** Fr Brinton

**Gospeller and Intercessor:** The Rev'd James Shire

**Cantors:** Jennifer McCallum

**Reader:** Phil Spencer

*Welcome back to St Thomas's!*

*We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely. There are many regulations we have to abide by, not least of which is keeping a six-foot distance between people at all times. We all need to do our best to contain the spread of Covid 19, and as a result, for the time being, our Services will look and feel different than they have in the past. Most notably and regrettably, the congregation cannot sing at this time. Only the clergy and cantor will do so. The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service. Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service.*

*In addition to this Notices leaflet, two liturgical documents will be provided at 11 am: a large sheet "Ordinary of the Eucharist" containing elements of the Book of Common Prayer liturgy that do not change from week to week, and a booklet containing the "Proper" – those elements that do change: music, collects, readings, psalms and intercessions that are specific to today. None of the documents provided should be shared. You may take them home.*

*Please read the following, and listen carefully to the clergy's verbal instructions regarding the procedure for receiving Holy Communion. Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.*

*If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.*

*At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so. While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, *Healey Willan*

**PRELUDE:** Vater unser im himmelreich, BWV 737, *J.S. Bach*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 84

- 1 O How lovely are thy dwellings, / thou LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD:/  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: /  
even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; /  
they will be always praising thee.
- 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, /  
in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;
- 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; /  
yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, /  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: /  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, our shield, /  
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For one day in thy courts / is better than a thousand.
- 11 Had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, /  
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; /  
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.
- 13 O LORD God of hosts, / blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

**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.**

How lovely are thy dwellings, / thou LORD of hosts!

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 50.15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them.

The word of the Lord  
R / *Thanks be to God*

### GRADUAL PSALM 103; 8-13

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and gracious, /  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding: / neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, /  
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, /  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west, / so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, /  
even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 14.1-12**

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand. One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord  
R/ *Thanks be to God*

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 13.34**

Alleluia. Alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

*Please remain standing for the Gospel, but if you need to sit please do so.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18.21-35**

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay

the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of Christ  
R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

#### NICENE CREED

#### SERMON

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

Hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Cantor only: *I feel the winds of God Today.*

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

#### INTERCESSION

Celebrant: The Lord is full of compassion and gracious, long-suffering, and of great goodness. Let us pray

*silence*

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Church and the world; for Andrew our bishop, Jenny our area bishop, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people. We pray especially for parishes as they adapt to serve the needs of their communities during the ongoing pandemic and engage in new expressions of timeless ministries.

*silence*

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen, and for all in authority in our country, province and city. We pray for all those working to make a more just and peaceful society in North America and throughout the world. We pray especially for children and parents, daycare workers and teachers, students, faculty, and staff of all schools, universities, and theological colleges at the beginning of this new academic year.

*silence*

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, and in any kind of distress. We pray for those in need, including \_\_\_\_\_, and those suffering from the coronavirus, especially \_\_\_\_\_. We pray also for the people of California and the Western United States who have been hurt and impacted by the wild fires.

*silence*

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

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for 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.

*silence*

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

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

## HOLY COMMUNION

**MOTET:** Öffne meinen schlechten Liedern, BWV 25; *J.S. Bach*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

## BLESSING

**POSTLUDE:** Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 610, *J.S. Bach*

*Sidespeople will direct the congregation to exit the church beginning from the back pews.*

*Those who wish to remain to the end of the Postlude may do so.*