

Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XIV
Sunday, September 18, 2022

High Mass at 11 o'clock



The Expulsion of the Money Changers, Giotto di Bondone, 1305
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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:

*Given in memory of James Campbell Forsyth, Lilia Helen Simpson Forsyth,
John Ralph Power, and Mary Evans Fiddes.*

Celebrant: Fr. Humphrey
Homilist: Bishop Asbil
Deacon: Fr. Shire
Reader: Larry Beckwith
Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Mass for Four Voices, *William Byrd*

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

PRELUDE: Meditation, *Jean Langlais*

SOLEMN ENTRANCE OF THE BISHOP

At the sound of the bell, the People stand. The Bishop knocks upon the doors, which are opened by the Wardens, who escort the Bishop into the church.

ENTRANCE HYMN 354 – All hail the power of Jesus' Name

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose blood-stained path ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.

- 4 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God Incarnate, Man Divine,
And crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
Join in the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

LADYWELL
William H. Ferguson, c. 1911

Rev. Edward Perronet, 1785

The People kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.___ A___ men.___

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, 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.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8.4-7

The First Lesson is written in the eighth chapter of the book of the prophet Amos, beginning at the fourth verse.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 79.1-9

Deus, venerunt
VII. 1.



Cantor 1 O GOD, the heathen are come into **thine** in-her-it-ance :
People thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusa-**lem** a heap of
stōnes.

- 2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the **fowls** of the air : and the flesh of thy saints unto the **beasts** of the eärth.
- Cantor* 3 Their blood have they shed like water on every **side** of Je-ru-sa-lem : and there was no **man** to bu-ry thëm.
- People* 4 We are become an open **shame** to our neighbours : a very scorn and derision unto them that are **round** a-bout üs.
- Cantor* 5 Lord, how long wilt **thou** be an-gry? : shall thy jealousy burn like **fire** for ev-ër?
- People* 6 Pour out thine indignation upon the nations that **have** not known thee : and upon the kingdoms that have not call-**ed** up-on thy Näme.
- Cantor* 7 For they have de-**vour**-ed Ja-cob : and laid **waste** his dwell-ing-pläce.
- People* 8 O remember not against us the offences of our forefathërs, but have mercy up-**on** us, and that soon : for we are come **to** great mi-se-ry.
- Cantor* 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the **glo-ry** of thy Name :
- People* O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, **for** thy Name's säke.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of St Paul's First Epistle to Timothy, beginning at the first verse.

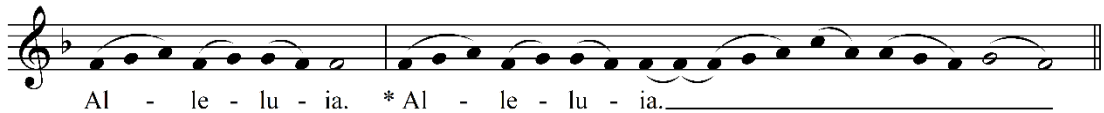
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand. The Choir sings the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia. Alleluia. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16.1-13

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you

the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated until invited by the Bishop to stand.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

The Candidates for confirmation and their sponsors stand before the Bishop.

I present these persons for confirmation.

The Bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

We will.

Let us now stand and join with those who commit themselves again to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS

The Bishop says to the congregation,

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

The People kneel.

Intercessor That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to thy grace and truth; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of thy holy Church; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to thy love; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of thy peace and glory; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in thy mercy, through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop says,

Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou didst make with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou dost set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit as the Candidates come forward and kneel before the Bishop.

The Bishop lays his hand upon the Candidate and says,

Defend, O Lord, thy servant *N.* with thy heavenly grace, that *she* may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *she* comes to thy everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop then prays,

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 386 – The Lord is King!

- 1 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world one song shall ring:
The Lord omnipotent is King.

- 2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?
- 3 The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let every creature speak his praise.
- 4 He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains;
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And he is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.
- 5 Come, make your wants, your burdens known,
He will present them at the throne;
And angel-bands are waiting there
His messages of love to bear.
- 6 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world one song shall ring:
The Lord omnipotent is King.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
Grenoble Church Melody
Harmony by Dr Basil Harwood, 1908

Josiah Conder, 1824

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.**

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The Subdeacon reads the Intentions, following which the Deacon bids the Confession.

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 Bishop 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.' The second staff is also divided into 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord.' The third staff is divided into '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 and 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,

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.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to 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 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

'Ubi caritas et amor,' Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love one another with a sincere heart. Amen.

(Antiphon for The Washing of Feet, Maundy, Maundy Thursday)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 544 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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.**

PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

From this time forth for ever-more.

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 372 – O Praise ye the Lord

1 O PRAISE ye the LORD!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his Word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the LORD!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the LORD,
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the LORD!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation
O praise ye the LORD!

POSTLUDE: Carillon, *Louis Vièrne*

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

All are welcome for food and fellowship with the Bishop in the Parish Hall following this service! We will have a festive reception today in honour of our newly-confirmed members.