Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XIV Sunday, September 18, 2022 Sung Mass at 9:30 am



The Parable of the Unjust Steward, Marinus van Reymerswaele, c. 1540 Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

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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, Lilias Helen Simpson Forsyth, John Ralph Power, and Mary Evans Fiddes.

Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop Asbil **Reader:** Hugh Anson-Cartwright

Interim Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS: A Parish Mass, Derek Holman

PRELUDE: Meditation, Jean Langlais

ENTRANCE OF THE BISHOP

All stand at the sound of the bell. The Bishop knocks on the doors of the church and the Wardens open the doors to escort him into the church. All sing the hymn.

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

- All hail the power of Jesus' Name;Let angels prostrate fall;Bring forth the royal diademAnd crown him Lord of all.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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.

The Bishop then continues,
There is one body and one Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

COLLECT FOR PURITY

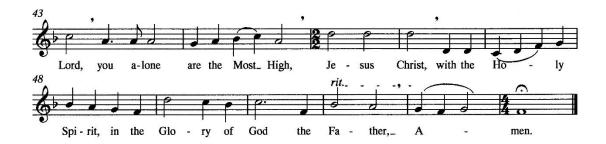
One God and Father of all.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

A Parish Mass, Derek Holman





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8.4-7

A reading from the book of Amos.

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.

The Choir and People sing the response:

PSALM 79.1-9



O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field. They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. **R**/.

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us. How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever? R/.

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name. For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. R/.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. **R/.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

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

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 first three Alleluias, followed by the People; a cantor sings the verse, then all sing the final three Alleluias.

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, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16.1-13

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.

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection. The People remain seated until invited to stand.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

The Candidate for confirmation and his presenters stand before the Bishop.

I present this person for confirmation.

The Bishop asks the Candidate to renew his 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."

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop says,

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with him at his baptism. Send him forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before him; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays his hand upon the Candidate and says,

Defend, O Lord, your servant Bright with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop then prays,

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over Bright your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

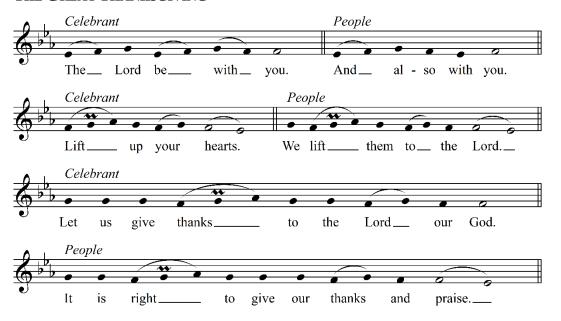
OFFERTORY HYMN 386 – The Lord is King!

- 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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

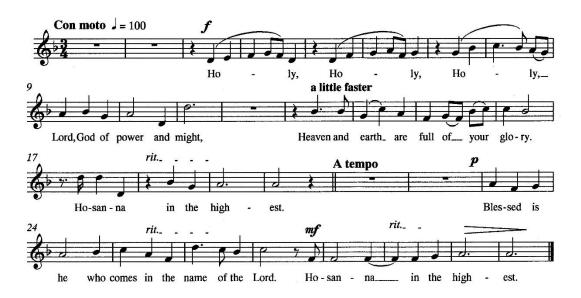
God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 in bread and wine and 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.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



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."

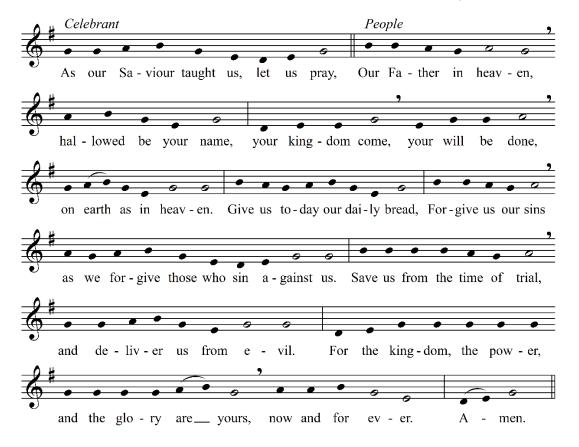
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 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



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!

MOTET

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen

(Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

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.

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 evermore.

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 544 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

- 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.

- 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!

REPTON
C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

J.G. Whittier, 1872

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!