

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Sung Eucharist at 11 o'clock



Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

383 Huron Street,

Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G5

416-979-2323

www.stthomas.on.ca office@stthomas.on.ca

Celebrant: Fr Brinton
Homilist: Fr D'Angelo
Gospeller and Intercessor: The Rev'd James Shire
Cantor: David Campbell
Reader: Maureen Somerville

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Communion Service in E, *Leo Sowerby*

PRELUDE: Wer nur der lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642, *J.S. Bach*

INTROIT: Psalm 86.1-7

- 1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; /
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am godly: /
save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
- 3 Thou art my God; be merciful unto me, O Lord; /
for all the day long do I call upon thee.
- 4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; /
for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, /
and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- 6 Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, /
and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; /
for thou hearest me.

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.

Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; / for I am poor and needy.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

KYRIE ELEISON

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

The Lord be with you
R / *And with thy spirit.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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: Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "I pray thee, LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And the LORD GOD appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night.

And should not I pity Nin'evah, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

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

GRADUAL PSALM 145.1-8

- 1 I will magnify thee, my God and King: /
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee, /
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; /
there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, /
and declare thy mighty deeds.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, /
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.
- 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; /
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thy abundant kindness shall be showed; /
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 THE LORD is gracious and merciful, /
longsuffering, and of great kindness.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 1.21-30

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

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

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by thy Son. Alleluia.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20.1-16

R / *Glory be to thee O Lord*

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out

again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

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: *King of glory, King of peace*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord for the Church and for the World

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers 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.

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 for the Murad family as they travel to Toronto, and that God may bless and protect them on their journey.

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: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET: Auf Gott steht meine Zuversicht, BWV 138 (b); *J.S. Bach*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In thy great kindness, O Lord, constantly raise up those whom thou dost renew in this Sacrament, that we may lay hold of thy redemption both in mystery, and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Alle Menschen müssen sterben, BWV 643, *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.*