

# Saint Thomas's Church

## The First Evensong of Michaelmas

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm**



*The Seventh Seal of the book shall be opened by the Lamb, J.S. von Carolsfeld, c. 1860*  
Die Bibel in Bildern, Plate 238

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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

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God.*

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of George C. Hitchman,  
by his daughter Barbara, and family*



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**Officiant:** Fr. James Shire  
**Director of Music:** Elizabeth Anderson  
**Assistant Director of Music:** Manuel Piazza


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**VOLUNTARY**


Toccatà, Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

*The People stand at the sound of the bell.*

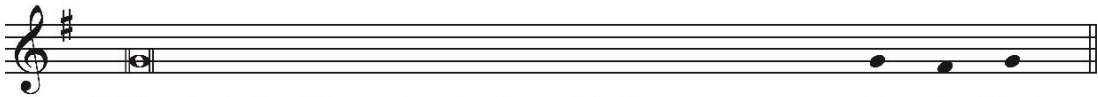
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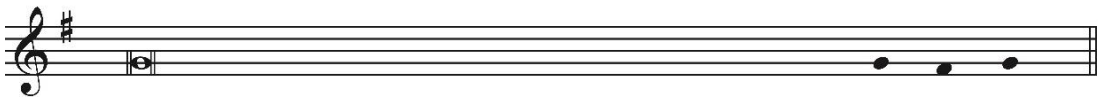
∇. O Lord, open thou our lips;   ℞. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



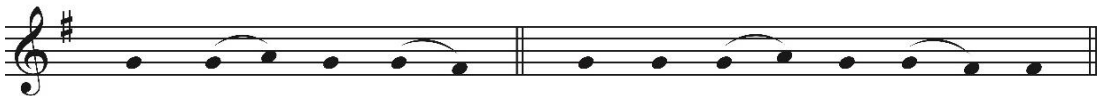
∇. O God, make speed to save us;   ℞. O Lord, make haste to help us.



∇. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



℞. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.



∇. Praise ye — the Lord; —   ℞. The Lord's name — be prais - ed.

The People sit when the Officiant sits.

PSALM 89, Pt 1

Misericordias Domini  
1. 1.



- Cantor* 1 MY SONG shall be alway of the loving-kindness of **the** Lord :  
*People* with my mouth will I ever be showing thy faithfulness from one generation **to** an-ö-ther.
- 2 For I have said, 'Loving-kindness shall be built up for **ev**-er :  
thy faithfulness shalt thou stablish **in** the heä-vens.'
- Cantor* 3 'I have made a covenant with my **cho**-sen :  
I have sworn unto Da-**vid** my sër-vant;
- People* 4 Thy seed will I stablish for **ev**-er :  
and set up thy throne from one generation **to** an-ö-ther.'
- Cantor* 5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy won-**drous** works :  
and thy faithfulness in the congregation **of** the hö-ly^ones.
- People* 6 For who is he in the skies that shall be compar-ed unto **the** Lord? :  
and what is he among the gods that shall be like **un**-to thë Lord?
- Cantor* 7 God is very greatly to be fear-ed in the council of the ho-**ly** ones :  
and to be had in reverence above all them that are **round** a-boüt him.
- People* 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like un-**to** thee? :  
thy faithfulness, most mighty Lord, **is** on ev-ery^side.
- Cantor* 9 Thou rulest the raging of **the** sea :  
thou stillest the waves there-**of** when thëy a^rise.
- People* 10 Thou didst crush Rahab as one that is **pier**-ced :  
thou didst scatter thine enemies abroad **with** thy migh-ty^arm.
- Cantor* 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also **is** thine :  
thou hast laid the foundation of the round world,  
and **all** that is there^in
- People* 12 Thou hast made the north and **the** south :  
Tabor and Hermon re-**joyce** in thy Name.
- Cantor* 13 Thou hast a migh-**ty** arm :  
strong is thy hand, and high **is** thy right hand.
- People* 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of **thy** throne :  
mercy and truth **go** be-före thy^face.

*Cantor* 15 Bless-ed is the people that can rejoice **in** thee :  
they shall walk, O Lord, in the light **of** thy cöun-te<sup>n</sup>ance.

*People* 16 Their delight shall be in thy Name all the **day** long :  
and in thy righteousness shall they **be** ex-äلت-ed.

*Cantor* 17 For thou art the glory of **their** strength :  
and by thy favour our horn **is** ex-äلت-ed.

*People* 18 For to the Lord belongeth **our** shield :  
and our king to the Holy **One** of İ̄s-ra<sup>e</sup>l.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly<sup>h</sup> Ghost;

*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** end. Ä-men.

#### FIRST LESSON Daniel 12.1-4

The First Lesson is written in the book of Daniel, in the twelfth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and the book sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be running back and forth, and evil shall increase.’

Here endeth the First Lesson.

*The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.*

#### THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in C, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; /  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; /  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

*The People sit.*

## **SECOND LESSON** Revelation 8.1-6

The Second Lesson is written in the Book of Revelation, in the eighth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth; and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets made ready to blow them.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*The People remain seated for a period of quiet reflection, standing when the Choir stands.*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Canticles in C, Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.


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.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

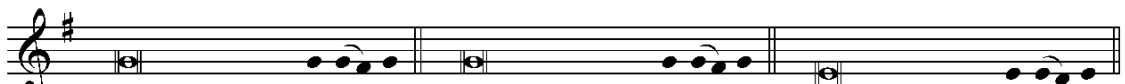
I believe in God  
**the Father Almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**  
**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**Was crucified, dead, and buried:**  
**He descended into hell;**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
**The holy Catholic Church;**  
**The Communion of Saints;**  
**The Forgiveness of sins;**  
**The Resurrection of the body,**  
**And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



♩. The Lord be\_\_ with\_\_ you; R̄. And with thy\_\_ spi - rit. V̄. Let us pray.

*The People kneel.*



V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us. R̄. Christ, have mercy up-on us. V̄. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

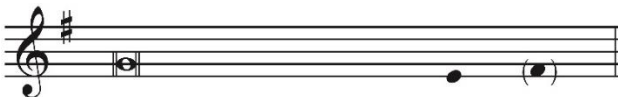
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

Our Father

**who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## THE RESPONSES



V̄. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;

R̄. And grant us thy salva-tion.

V̄. O Lord, save **the** King,

R̄. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.

V̄. Endue thy ministers with righ-teous-ness.

R̄. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

V̄. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.

R̄. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.



Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;  
R̄. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;  
R̄. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

**ANTHEM** 'Factum est silentium,' Richard Dering (1580-1630)

Factum est silentium in coelo, Dum committeret bellum draco, Cum Michaele Archangelo. Audita est vox milia milium, dicentium, Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.

There was silence in heaven whilst the dragon joined battle with the Archangel Michael. A cry was heard – thousands of thousands saying: 'Salvation and honour and power be to Almighty God.' Alleluia.

(Antiphon to Benedictus at Lauds on Michaelmas Day)

*The People kneel.*

## **CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

*The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

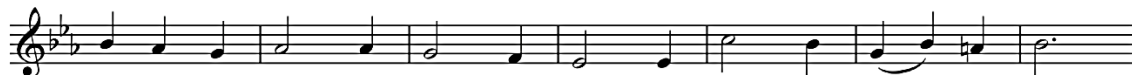
*2 Corinthians 13.14*

*The People stand.*

HYMN – How shall I sing that majesty



1. How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad - mire?
2. Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears, while I thy foot - steps trace:
3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's fire,
4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings keep!



Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye heaven - ly choir!  
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they be - hold thy face.  
then shall I sing and take my part with that ce - les - tial choir.  
Thy know-ledge is the on - ly line to sound so vast a deep:



Thou-sands of thou - sands stand a - round thy throne, O God most high:  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;  
They sing, be - cause thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;  
thou art a sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a sphere;



ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?  
yet when thou dost ac - cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.  
for where heaven is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.  
thy time is now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - ery - where.

*COE FEN*

*Ken Naylor (1931-1991)*

*John Mason, 1683*

*The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

### **O SALUTARIS HOSTIA**

*ÆTERNA CHRISTI MUNERA*

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heaven to man below:  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, Blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

### **MOTET**

‘O sacrum convivium, Gerald Near (b. 1942)

O sacrum convivium! In quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

### **TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM**

*PICARDY*

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great sacrament revere:  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
honour, might, and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing,  
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

*The People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.*

Thou gavest them Bread from hea-ven;  
**Containing in itself all sweet-ness.**

## **COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

### **THE DIVINE PRAISES**

*The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.*

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be his Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

*Antiphon:*

*Cantor*

*People*



O PRÄISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ër. Praise the<sup>^</sup>Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** ënd. A-men.

*All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.*

*The People remain kneeling as the Sacrament is carried to the Lady Altar and reposed.*

*The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

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## **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes  
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

### **MORNING PRAYER**

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

### **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

*Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.*

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY**

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

### **WEEKDAY LOW MASS**

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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