

# Saint Thomas's Church

**Trinity XV**

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

**Evensong & Devotions  
at 5:00 pm**



*The kiss of peace*

from an illuminated manuscript at the British Library

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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 and on the Lady Altar are in loving memory  
of Esme, Ed, and Steve Read, given by Geoff Read.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Ipema  
**Interim Director of Music & Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

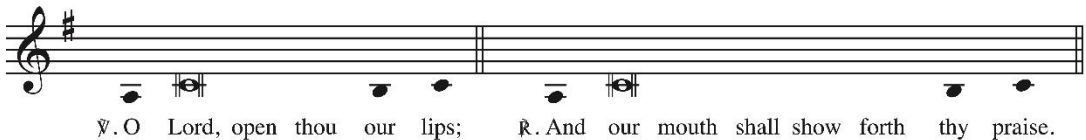
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**PRELUDE:** Schönster Herr Jesu, *Flor Peeters*

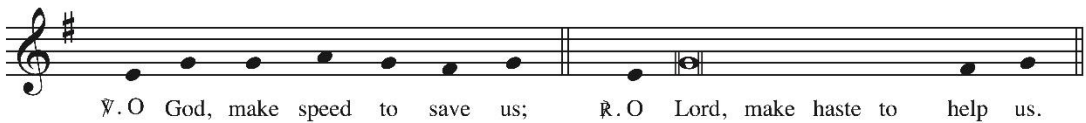
**PRECES**

*Bernard Rose*

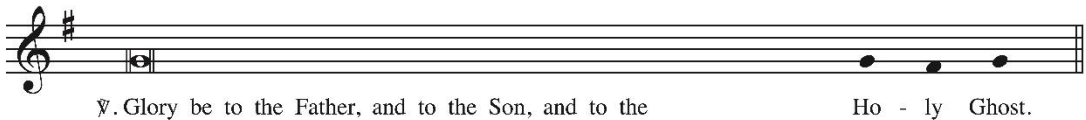
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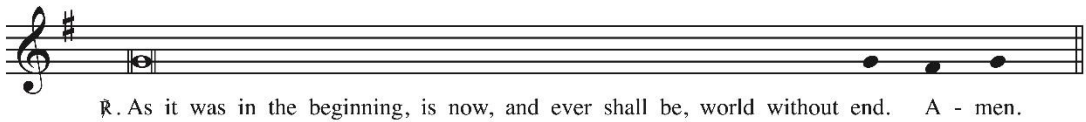
V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



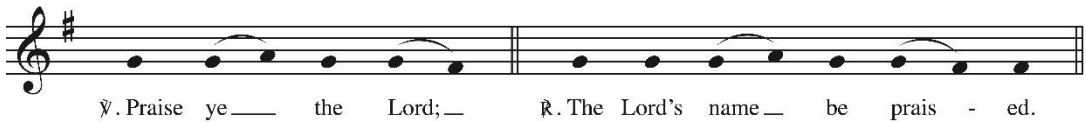
V. O God, make speed to save us; R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



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



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



V. Praise ye the Lord; R. The Lord's name be prais - ed.

*The people sit when the officiant sits.*

**PSALM 84.** *Quam dilecta!*

I. 2.



- Cantor* 1 O HOW lovely are thy **dwell**-ings :  
*People* (- -) thou Lörd of hõsts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of **the** Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice **in** the li-ving Gõd.
- Cantor* 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 mÿ Gõd.
- People* 4 Blessed are they that dwell in **thy** house : they will be **al**-way prais-ing thëe.
- Cantor* 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is **in** thee : in whose heart **are** the pil-grim wäys;
- People* 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for **a** well : yea, the early rain covereth **it** with blëss-ings.
- Cantor* 7 They go from strength **to** strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of **them** in Si-ön.
- People* 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear **my** prayer : hearken, O **God** of Jä-cõb.
- Cantor* 9 Behold, O God, **our** shield : and look upon the face of **thine** an-oïnt-ëd.
- People* 10 For one day in **thy** courts : is better **than** a thõu-sänd.
- Cantor* 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of **my** God : than to dwell in the tents **of** un-gõd-li-nëss.
- People* 12 For the Lord God is a light and defënce; the Lord will give grace and **glo**-ry : and no good thing shall he withhold from them that **lead** a göd-ly life.
- Cantor* 13 O Lord God **of** hosts : blessed is the man that put-**teth** his trüst in thëe.
- People* Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly Ghõst;  
*Cantor* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
*People* world with-**out** end. Ä-mën.

PSALM 85. *Benedixisti, Domine*

VII. 7.



- Cantor* 1 LORD, THOU art become gracious **un**-to thy land :  
*People* thou hast restored the **for**-tunes<sup>^</sup> of Ja-cob.  
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence **of** thy peo-ple : and **co**-ver<sup>^</sup>ed  
all<sup>^</sup> their sin.  
*Cantor* 3 Thou hast taken away **all** thy<sup>^</sup> dis-plea-sure : and turned thyself from  
thy wrathful **in**-dig-na-tion.  
*People* 4 Turn us, O **God** our Sav-iour : and let thine **an**-ger cease<sup>^</sup> from us.  
*Cantor* 5 Wilt thou be displeased at **us** for ev-er? : and wilt thou stretch out  
thy wrath from one generation **to** an-o-ther?  
*People* 6 Wilt thou not turn a-**gain** and quick<sup>^</sup>en us : that thy people **may** re-  
joice<sup>^</sup> in thee?  
*Cantor* 7 O Lord, show thy **mer**-cy<sup>^</sup> up-on us : and grant us **thy** sal-va-tion.  
*People* 8 I will hearken what the **Lord** God will say : for he shall speak peace  
unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that **turn** their  
heart<sup>^</sup> to him.  
*Cantor* 9 Surely his salvation is nigh **them** that fear him : that glory may  
**dw**ell in our land.  
*People* 10 Mercy and truth are **met** to-geth-er : righteousness and peace have  
**kiss**-ed<sup>^</sup> each o-ther.  
*Cantor* 11 Truth springeth **out** of the earth : and righteousness hath looked  
**down** from hea-ven.  
*People* 12 Yea, the Lord shall **give** what is good : and our land shall **yield** her  
in-crease.  
*Cantor* 13 Righteousness shall **go** be-fore him : and shall direct his **go**-ing  
in<sup>^</sup> the way.  
  
*People* Glory be to the **Fa**-ther<sup>^</sup> and to<sup>^</sup> the Son : and **to** the Ho<sup>^</sup>ly Ghost;  
*Cantor* As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :  
*People* world with-**out** end. A-men.

## FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 1

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

The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. They replied, 'The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.' When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, 'O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses. Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name." They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!' At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

## THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, *Frank Nakashima*

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.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3

The Second Lesson is written in St Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, in the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field,

God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future - all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Fauxbourdons, *Frank Nakashima*

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.**

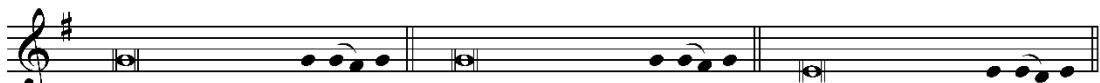
## THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY

*Bernard Rose*

*Sung by the Officiant and Choir*



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



♩.Lord, have mercy up-on us.    ♩.Christ, have mercy up-on us.    ♩.Lord, have mercy up-on us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

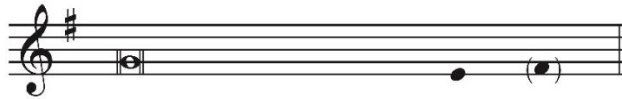
*Bernard Rose*

*The Lord's Prayer is sung by the choir.*

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

*Bernard Rose*



Ÿ. O Lord, show thy mercy up-**on** us;

Ŕ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

Ÿ. Endue thy ministers with righ-**teous**-ness.

Ŕ. And make thy chosen people joy-**ful**.

Ÿ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

Ŕ. And bless thine inhe-**ri**-tance.

Ÿ. Give peace in our time, **O** Lord;

Ŕ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

Ÿ. O God, make clean our hearts with-**in** us;

Ŕ. And take not thy Holy Spirit **from** us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father 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.**

## ANTHEM

‘Never weather-beaten sail,’ *Thomas Campion*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, Never tired pilgrim’s limbs affected slumber more, Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast; O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest. Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven’s high Paradise: Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes; Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see: O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to Thee.

(Two Bookes of Ayres: The First Booke XI. 1619, by Thomas Campion)

## 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*

## HYMN 604 – Fairest Lord Jesus

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, thee I will honour,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
  
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.
  
- 4 All fairest beauty  
Heavenly and earthly,  
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,  
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

*CRUSADER'S HYMN*  
*Silesian Folksong*  
*Arr James Hopkirk, 1938*

*from the German, 17<sup>th</sup> Cent.*

## DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

*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 taste and see,’ *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

*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.**

### PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

*Antiphon:*



*Tone VI*



O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ēr. Praise the<sup>^</sup>Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thē Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;

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

*[repeat antiphon]*