

Saint Thomas's Church

Trinity XII

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Evensong & Devotions

at 5:00 pm



The Sower at Sunset, Vincent van Gogh, 1888
Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands

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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 on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Jimmy and Jean McCallum
and Victor and Sylvia Mazar, from their granddaughter.*


Officiant: Fr Humphrey
Interim Organist & Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson

PRELUDE: Hymn Prelude on 'Song 13', *Percy Whitlock*

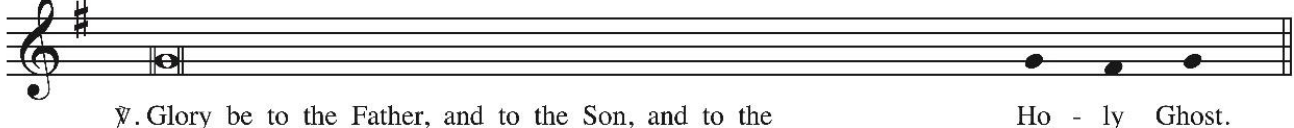
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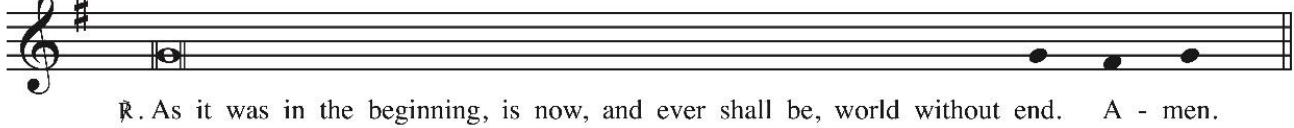
 V. O Lord, open thou our lips; R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.




 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. The choir alone, standing, chants the Psalm.

PSALM 71

In te, Domine, speravi

III. 2

- 1 In thee O Lord have I put my trust; / let me never be put to confusion.
- 2 Deliver me and rescue me in thy righteousness: /
incline thine ear unto me and save me.
- 3 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort; /
thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my rock and my castle.
- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, /
out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

- 5 For thou, O Lord, art the thing that I long for: /
thou, Lord, art my trust, even from my youth.
- 6 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: /
thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb;
my praise shall be always of thee.
- 7 I am become as it were a wonder unto many, / but my sure trust is in thee.
- 8 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, /
and with thy glory all the day long.
- 9 Cast me not away in the time of age: /
forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
- 10 For mine enemies speak concerning me; /
and they that watch for my soul take their counsel together,
- 11 Saying, 'God hath forsaken him; /
pursue him and take him, for there is none to deliver him.'
- 12 Go not far from me, O God: / O my God, haste thee to help me.
- 13 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: /
let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.
- 14 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, / and will praise thee more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness, and of thy salvation all the day long;
for I know no end thereof.
- 16 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, /
and will make mention of thy righteousness only.
- 17 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth, /
and even until now do I tell of thy wondrous works.
- 18 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, /
until I have showed thy strength unto this generation,
and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.
- 19 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, /
and great things are they that thou hast done; O God, who is like unto thee?
- 20 How many and sore troubles hast thou showed me!
yet wilt thou turn and refresh me: /
yea, thou wilt bring me up from the depths of the earth again.
- 21 Thou wilt bring me to great honour, / and turn again and comfort me.
- 22 I also will praise thee and thy faithfulness,
O God, playing upon an instrument of music: /
unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips will rejoice when I sing unto thee: /
and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; /
for they are confounded and brought to shame that seek to do me evil.

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.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 8.1-17

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

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Just as I purposed to bring disaster upon you, when your ancestors provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the Lord of hosts, so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not be afraid. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Fauxbourdons, *Sidney Nicholson*

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: Galatians 6.1-10

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

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fauxbourdons, *Sidney Nicholson*

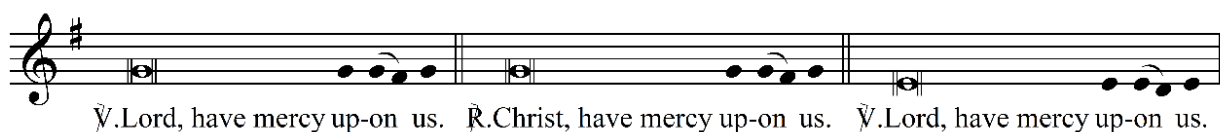
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and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



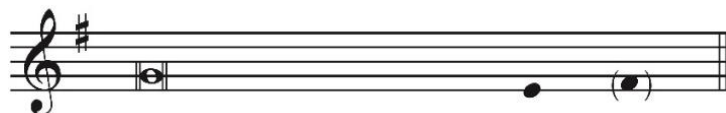
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

Ṛ. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

Ṽ. O Lord, save **the** Queen,

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

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

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

Ṽ. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

Ṛ. And bless thine inhe-**ri**tance.

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

Ṛ. And evermore mightily defend **us**.

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **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

‘Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,’ *John Mudd*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity)

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 18 – Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

- 1 Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear,
It is not night if thou be near;
O, may no earthborn cloud arise,
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.
- 2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My weary eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Savior's breast!
- 3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without thee I dare not die.
- 4 If some poor wandering child of thine
Have spurned to-day to voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.
- 5 Watch by the sick, enrich the poor
With blessings from every boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep tonight,
Like the infant's slumbers, pure and light.

6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take,
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

ABENDS
Rev. John Keble, 1820

Sir Herbert S. Oakeley, 1874

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

HEREFORD

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

‘Jesu, the very thought is sweet,’ *Charles Wood*

Jesu, the very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart-joys meet. No word is sung more sweet than this, No sound is heard more full of bliss, Than Jesu, Son of God most high.

(St Bernard of Clairvaux, from Jesu, dulcis memoria, tr. J.M. Neale)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

GRAFTON

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.

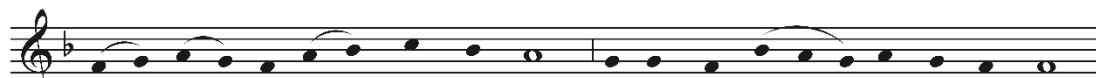
Thou gavest them Bread from heaven;
Containing in itself all sweet-ness.

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:



Let us a - dore Christ our Lord, in the most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment.



O PRÄISE 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[^]Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thē Ho-ly[^]Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

All repeat the Antiphon.