

Saint Thomas's Church
Sunday After Ascension Day
Sunday, May 12, 2024
Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



Night with her train of stars, Edward Robert Hughes, 1912
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, United Kingdom

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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



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Officiant: Fr Don Beyers
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

VOLUNTARY

Fuge und Kanzone, Op. 85 No. 3,
“I believe in the life of the world to come.”
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

PRECES

∇. 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.

PSALM 99

Dominus regnavit.
IV. 4.



Cantor 1 THE LORD is King; let the **peo**-ples trem-ble :
People he sitteth upon the cherubim; let **the** earth be mov-ed.
 2 The Lord is **great** in Si-on : and high a-**bove** all the peo-ples.
Cantor 3 Let them give thanks un-**to** thy Name :
 which is great and wonderful; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 4 The King's power loveth judge-mēnt; thou dost es-**tab**-lish e-qui-ty :
 thou dost execute judgement and righ-**teous**-ness in Ja-cob.
Cantor 5 O magnify the **Lord** our God :
 and fall down before his footstool; **for** he is ho-ly.
People 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call
 up-**on** his Name : these call-ed upon the **Lord**, and he heard them.
Cantor 7 He spake unto them out of the **cloud**-y pil-lar :
 for they kept his testimonies, and the **law** that he gave them.
People 8 Thou heardest them, O **Lord** our God :
 thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst **pun**-ish their do-ings.
Cantor 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his **ho**-ly hill :
 for the Lord **our** God is ho-ly.

People Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : **and** to the Ho-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

Isaiah 62

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, in the sixty-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

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

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Second Service, William Byrd (1543-1623)

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 5

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

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Second Service, William Byrd

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.

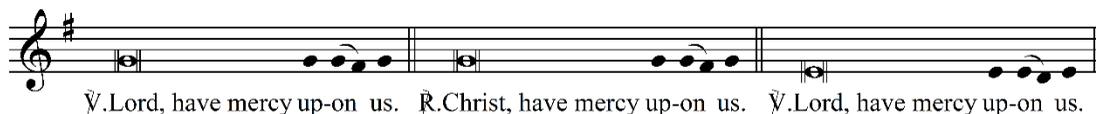
APOSTLES' CREED

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 Officiant and Choir alone sing,

THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



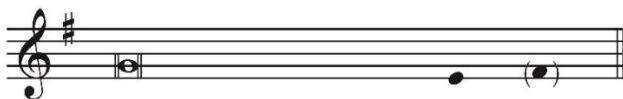
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

♫. And grant us thy salva-**tion**.

♩. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

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

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

♩. O Lord, save thy peo-**ple**.

♫. And bless thine inhe-**ri**tance.

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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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

Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*,
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out: But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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 590

The head that once was crowned with thorns



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns,
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light.
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above;
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his Name to know.
- 4 To them the Cross with all its shame,
With all its grace is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
- 6 The Cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him:
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA



O Sav - ing Vic - tim, op' - ning wide_ the gate_ of heav'n to
All praise_ and thanks to thee_ as - cend_ For ev - er - more, Blest
man_ be - low, Our foes_ press on_ from ev - 'ry side,
One_ in Three; O grant_ us life_ that_ shall_ not end_
Thine aid_ sup - ply, thy strength_ be - stow_ A - men.
in our_ true na - tive land_ with thee_

HEREFORD; Fauxbourdon by John Tuttle
St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th century, tr E. Caswall & J.M. Neale

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

MOTET 'Non vos relinquam orphanos,' William Byrd (1543-1623)

Non vos relinquam orphanos, alleluia. Vado et venio ad vos, alleluia, Et gaudebit cor vestrum, alleluia.

I will not leave you comfortless, alleluia. I go and come again to you, alleluia.
And your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

(from the Proper for the Sunday after the Ascension)

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

There - fore we, be - fore_ him_ bend - ing, This great Sa - cra - ment re - vere;
Glo - ry let us give_ and_ bless - ing To the Fa - ther and_ the_ Son,
Types and sha - dows have_ their_ end - ing, For the new - er
Hon - our, might, and praise_ ad - dress - ing, While e - ter - nal
rite_ is_ here;_ Faith,_ our_ out - ward sense_ be - friend - ing,
ag - es_ run;_ Ev - er_ too his love_ con - fess - ing,
Makes_ our_ in - ward vi - sion_ clear. A - men.
Who_ from_ Both_ with_ Both_ is_ One.

*GRAFTON; Descant by Jenna Freudenberg
St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th century, tr E. Caswall*

*French, Tantum ergo in
Chants Ordinaires de l'Office Divin, Paris 1880*

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

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; **Allelu-ia!**
Containing in itself all sweetness. Allelu-ia!

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 people are blessed by the Sacrament.

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



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 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 from the beginning.

The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.

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

The flowers at The High Altar are in loving memory of Mrs. Lee Kip Lee, Nyonya Elizabeth Lee, the former Miss Elizabeth Hong Chew Nyong, and Mr. Lee Kip Lee, Baba Lee Kip Lee, from Mr. Gabriel del Prado Cruz;

and

*Those on the Lady Altar are in memory of George and Bertha Heldt,
from George Heldt.*

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