Saint Thomas's Church Ascension Day Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:30 pm High Mass



Ascension, John Singleton Copley, 1775 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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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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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Nathan Humphrey Deacon: Fr. James Shire Reader: Janet Nichols Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS Missa Brevis, Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

PRELUDE: Prélude à l'Introït, In Ascensione Domine from L'orgue mystique Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace. Allelu-<u>ia</u>! In the Name of the Lord. Amen. Allelu-<u>ia</u>!

HYMN 174

Hail the day that sees him rise



- Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluya! Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
 Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
 Christ hath vanquished death and sin;
 Take the King of glory in. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

- See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!
 Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya!
 Though returning to his throne,
 Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 4 See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluya!
 See! he shows the prints of love; Alleluya!
 Hark! his gracious lips bestow
 Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 5 Still for us he intercedes, Alleluya!
 His prevailing death he pleads, Alleluya!
 Near himself prepares our place,
 He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 6 Lord, though parted from our sight Alleluya!
 Far above the starry height, Alleluya!
 Grant our hearts may thither rise,
 Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 7 There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya! Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya! There thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

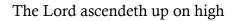
CHISELHURST Sydney Nicholson Charles Wesley 1707-88 and Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823

STATION AT THE ROOD

God is gone up with a merry noise. Allelu-<u>ia</u>! And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Allelu-<u>ia</u>!

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





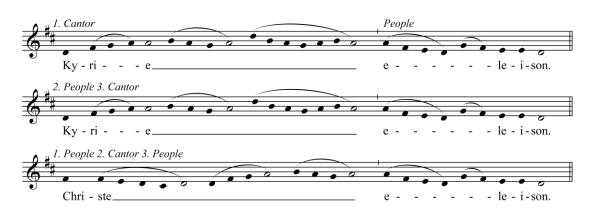


- 1 The Lord ascendeth up on high, / The Lord hath triumphed gloriously, In power and might excelling; / The grave and hell are captive led, Lo! He returns our living Head, / To his eternal dwelling!
- 2 The heavens with joy receive their Lord, / By saints, by angel hosts adored; O day of exultation! / O earth, adore thy mighty King, His Rising, his Ascension sing, / With thankful adoration!
- 3 Our great High Priest hath gone before, / Now on his Church his grace to pour, And still his love he giveth: / O may our hearts to him ascend, May all within us upward tend / To him who ever liveth!

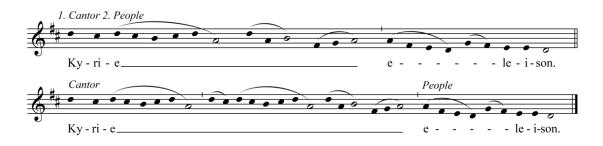
BOURGEOISE

Arthur Russell 1806-74 and others

At the conclusion of the Procession, the People kneel and sing:



KYRIE ELEISON



The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the ♥ glory of God the Father. Amen Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in ቑ gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy onlybegotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING

The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the <u>Lord</u>. **Thanks be to <u>God</u>.**

Acts 1.1-11

PSALM 47

Ephesians 1.15-23

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Cantor	1	O CLAP your hands together, all ye peo -ples :
People		O sing unto God with the voice of me-lo ² dy.
	2	For the Lord Most High is to be fear -ed :
		he is a great King o -ver all the `earth.
Cantor	3	He subdu-ed the peoples under us : and the nations un -der our feet.
People	4	He chose our heritage for us :
		even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he lov-ed.
Cantor	5	God is gone up with a merry noise :
		the Lord with the sound of the trum-pet.
People	6	O sing praises, sing praises unto our God :
		O sing praises, sing praises un -to our King.
Cantor	7	For God is the King of all the earth :
		sing ye praises with un -der-stand-ing.
People	8	God reigneth over the na -tions : God sitteth up- on his ho-ly [^] throne.
Cantor	9	The princes of the peoples are gather-ed to-geth-er :
		with the people of the God of A-bra ⁻ ham;
People	10	For the rulers of the earth belong unto God :
		he is very high- ly ex-alt-ed.

SECOND READING

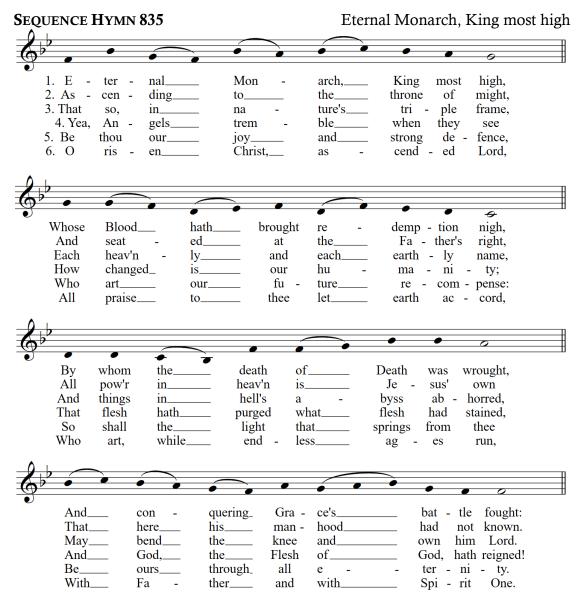
The Epistle is written in the first chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all

things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of <u>the</u> Lord. **Thanks be** <u>to</u> **God.**

The People stand.





Ad coenam Agni providi

Latin c 5th century Tr J.M. Neale 1818-66

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.44-53

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the forty-fourth <u>verse</u>. Glory be to thee \underline{O} Lord.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel <u>of</u> Christ. **Praise be to thee, <u>O</u> Christ.**

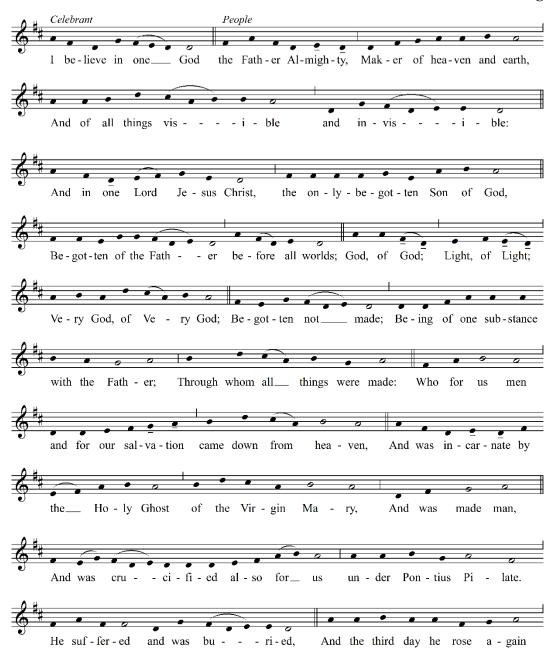
The People sit.

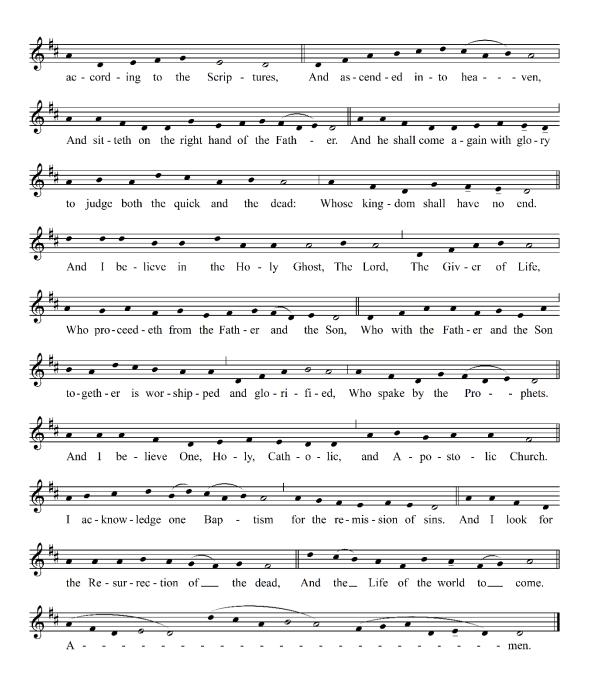
SERMON

The People stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis





OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 389

Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious!



- Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious! / See the Man of Sorrows now; From the fight returned victorious, / Every knee to him shall bow; Crown him! Crown him! / Crowns become the Victor's brow.
- 2 Crown the Saviour! Angels, crown him! / Rich the trophies Jesus brings; In the seat of power enthrone him, / While the vault of heaven rings; Crown him! Crown him! / Crown the Saviour King of kings!
- 3 Sinners in derision crowned him, / Mocking thus Messiah's claim; Saints and angels throng around him, / Own his title, praise his Name; Crown him! Crown him! / Spread abroad the Victor's fame.
- 4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation! / Hark, those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station; / O what joy the sight affords! Crown him! Crown him! / King of kings and Lord of lords.

REGENT SQUARE Henry Thomas Smart 1813-1879 Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

Μοτετ

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)

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censing.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for The Diocese of Egypt in the Province of Alexandria according to the Anglican cycle of prayer; for St. Peter, Cobourg, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer; and for Nigel Wright, Anneli Pekkonen & Timothy Wright, Michel & Aija Wood, Wendy Woodworth, Robyn Wynberg, James Yuan, and David Yung & Aviva Joel according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)*



I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*



I bid your prayers for the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, and all other places in strife. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for _____.] And for [_____ and] all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud. May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer. I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially______ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time ______, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

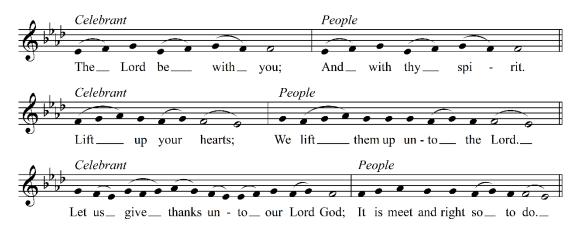
Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, thy ascended Son promised the gift of holy power. Send upon thy servants the Spirit of revelation and wisdom, that in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness, and sing songs of praise with all the peoples of thy earth to the honour of thy risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ♥ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. ♥ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

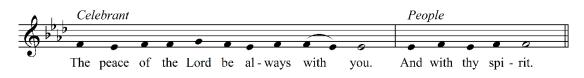
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded. And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,



FRACTION & PEACE

A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

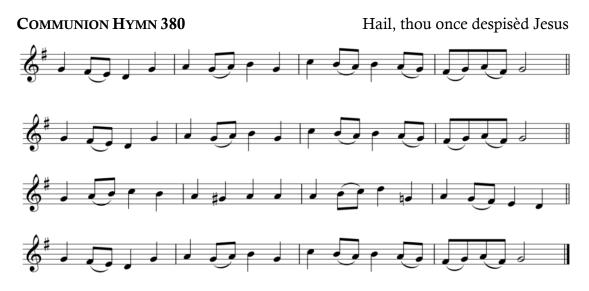
An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesu, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.



- Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus, / Hail, thou Galilean King: Thou didst suffer to redeem us, / Thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Saviour, / Bearer of our sin and shame, By thy merits we find favour; / Life is given through thy Name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, / All our sins on thee were laid; By almighty love anointed, / Thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven, / Through the virtue of thy Blood: Opened is the gate of heaven, / Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
- Jesu, hail! enthroned in glory, / There for ever to abide;
 All the heavenly hosts adore thee, / Seated at thy Father's side:
 Worship, honour, power, and blessing / Thou art worthy to receive:
 Loudest praises, without ceasing, / Meet it is for us to give.

IN BABILONE Traditional Dutch Melody John Bakewell, 1757

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

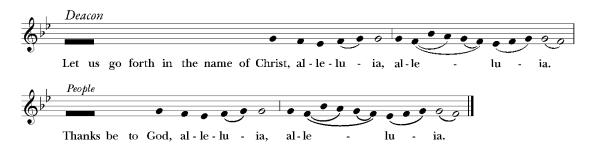
May the gifts we have received from thy altar, O Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in our Saviour's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

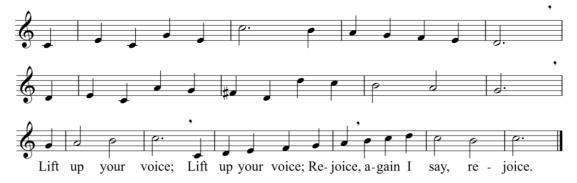
May the risen Christ who hast passed into the heavens clothe thee with power from on high. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

EASTERTIDE DISMISSAL



CONCLUDING HYMN 392



- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore; Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore: *Refrain*
- 2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, The God of truth and love: When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above: *Refrain*
- His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given: *Refrain*
- 4 He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit, And bow to his command, And fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

DARWALL Rev. John Darwall, 1770

Postlude: Fuge und Kanzone, Op. 85 No. 3 "I believe in the life of the world to come." Rev. Charles Wesley, 1746

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.

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