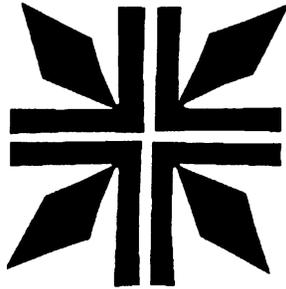


Holy Cross Day



Sung Eucharist *Contemporary Rite*

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church
383 Huron Street, Toronto, M5S 2G5

Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Saint Thomas's in the Name of the crucified and Risen Lord.

The Music of the Mass, and the readings are found on separate inserts. The hymns are listed in the leaflet and are found in the blue hymn book.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist. You are invited to kneel or stand as you prefer. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Children are very welcome at the service. Please ask the Greeters about the children's activity box. If you wish, please inquire about other child care arrangements during the service.

If you have particular prayer requests please speak with the greeter who will show you the Intercession Book on the table in the centre aisle.

The offering plate is not passed during the service, but if you would like to make a financial donation to the parish we would be very grateful. Donations are placed in the basin on the table in the aisle, next to the bread and wine. To receive a charitable donation tax receipt, please fill out the envelope on the pew shelf.

After the Eucharist we would be delighted to have you join us for refreshments in the parish hall, adjacent to the church.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Presider greets the people, saying

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

People: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The music of the Mass is found on a separate insert.

Please join together in singing,

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Please remain standing

Presider: Let us pray:
Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

The readings for the day are found on a separate insert inside the Sunday leaflet. At the end of the first two readings, the reader says "The Word of the Lord", and the People respond Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Nicene Creed *please stand*

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

A member of the congregation leads the Prayers of the People, announcing the people's response. Please feel free to kneel, stand, or sit. Your own requests can be written into the Intercession Book before the Service.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends, let us kneel before the Cross of Christ and humbly confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel. A Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn is sung while the Gifts of the People (the bread, wine, and monetary offering), are brought to the altar.

Offertory Hymn (Please see leaflet)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray:

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please see the music of the mass insert

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

After which all join in singing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel

Presider:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

People: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,
Music by McNeil Robinson
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly
bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for 'ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution

Presider: We break this bread,

People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words:

*“The body of Christ (given for you)”... “The blood of Christ (shed for you)”;
or “The body of Christ, the bread of heaven”... “The blood of Christ, the cup
of salvation”. The communicant responds each time, Amen.*

During the communion, the choir may sing a motet

Hymn after Communion (Please see leaflet)

Prayer after Communion (Please remain standing)

Presider: Let us pray:
Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made
us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the Cross for our
redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal & Blessing

The Presider blesses the people saying:

Presider: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by
the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with
everything good that you may do his will, working in
you that which is pleasing in his sight; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be with you this holy day, and
remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.