Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of the Patron Saint
Saint Thomas
Apostle and Martyr

Sunday, July 2, 2023

High Mass at 10:30 am



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (detail), Peter Paul Rubens, 1613 Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp, Belgium

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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. Theo Ipema **Reader:** Larry Beckwith

Director of Music: Elizabeth Anderson **Assistant Director of Music:** Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa Æterna Christi Munera, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

VOLUNTARY

Cortège et litanie, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth <u>in</u> peace. In the Name of the Lord. <u>A</u>-men.

HYMN - Our Father's home eternal

- Our Father's home eternal,
 O Christ, thou dost prepare
 With many divers mansions,
 And each one passing fair;
 They are the victors' guerdon,
 Who, through the hard-won fight,
 Have followed in thy footsteps,
 And reign with thee in light.
- 2 Amidst the happy number
 The Virgins' crown and queen,
 The ever-virgin Mother
 Is first and foremost seen;
 The Patriarchs in their triumph
 Thy praises nobly sing,
 The Prophets of thy wisdom
 Adore the nations' King;

- 3 The Apostles reign in glory; The Martyrs joy in thee; The Virgins and Confessors Thy shining brightness see; And every patient sufferer, Who sorrow dared contemn, For each especial anguish Hath one especial gem.
- 4 The holy men and women,
 Their earthly struggle o'er,
 With joy put off the armour
 That they shall need no more;
 For these, and all that battled
 Beneath their Monarch's eyes,
 The harder was the conflict
 The brighter is the prize.
- 5 And every faithful servant,
 Made perfect in thy grace,
 Hath each his fitting station
 'Mid those that see thy face;
 The bondsman and the noble,
 The peasant and the king,
 All gird one glorious Monarch
 In one eternal ring.

VERITAS Walter MacNutt 1910-96 Former Organist & Choirmaster, 1954-1977 Ascr. to St Thomas à Kempis, 1379-1471 Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

STATION AT THE ROOD

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the <u>Lord</u>. And be joyful, all you that are true of <u>heart</u>.

Grant to us, we beseech thee, O Lord, to glory in the solemnity of thy blessed Apostle Thomas: That we may ever both be supported by his patronage, and follow his faith with fitting devotion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 187 – How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

- 1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone On doubting souls, whose wills were true! Thou Christ of Cephas and of John, Thou art the Christ of Thomas too.
- 2 He loved thee well, and calmly said, 'Come, let us go, and die with him': Yet, when thine Easter-news was spread, 'Mid all its light his eyes were dim.
- 3 His brethren's word he would not take, But craved to touch those hands of thine: The bruisèd reed thou didst not break; He saw, and hailed his Lord Divine.
- 4 He saw thee risen: at once he rose
 To full belief's unclouded height:
 And still through his confession flows
 To Christian souls thy life and light.
- 5 O Saviour, make thy presence known To all who doubt thy Word and thee; And teach them in that Word alone To find the truth that sets them free.
- 6 And we who know how true thou art, And thee as God and Lord adore, Give us, we pray, a loyal heart, To trust and love thee more and more.

The People kneel. The Choir alone sings the Kyrie.

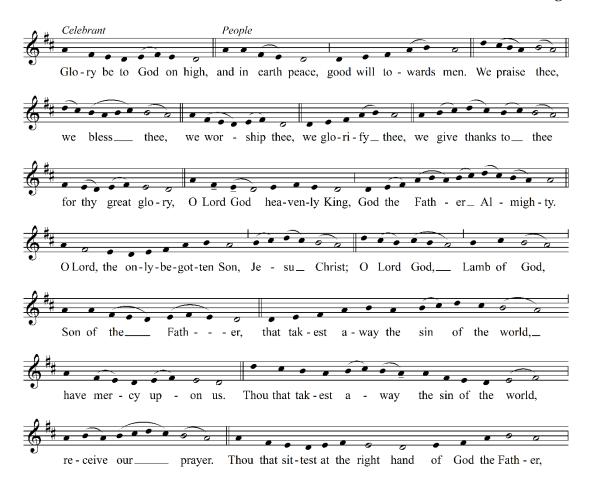
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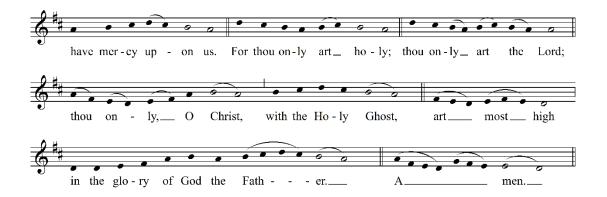
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis





The People remain standing for the Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON Habakkuk 2.1-4

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

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks

of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 126 In convertendo IV. 6. WHEN THE Lord restor-ed the for-tunes of Si-on: Cantor People then were we like unto them that **dream**. Then was our mouth fill-ed with laugh-ter: and our tongue with joy. 3 Then said they a-mong the na-tions: 'The Lord hath done great Cantor things for them.' People Yea, the Lord hath done great things for **us** al-rea-dy: whereof we re-ioice. Restore our for-tunes, O Lord: as the rivers in the South. Cantor People They that **sow** in tears : shall reap in **joy**. Cantor He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth **forth** his seed:

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 10.35-11.1

The Second Lesson is written in the tenth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the thirty fifth verse.

shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with **him**.

Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet 'in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.' But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

SEQUENCE HYMN 212 – The Eternal gifts of Christ the King

- The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
 The apostles' glory, let us sing;
 And all, with hearts of gladness, raise
 Due hymns of thankful love and praise.
- 2 For they the Church's princes are, Triumphant leaders in the war, In heavenly courts a warrior band, True lights to lighten every land.
- 3 Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints, And hope that never yields nor faints, And love of Christ in perfect glow That lays the prince of this world low.
- 4 In them the Father's glory shone, In them the will of God the Son, In them exults the Holy Ghost, Through them rejoice the heavenly host.
- 5 To thee, Redeemer, now we cry, That thou wouldst join to them on high Thy servants, who this grace implore, For ever and for evermore. Alleluia.

AETERNA CHRISTI MUNERA From Guidetti's `Directorium Chori' 1582 Arr by Alfred Whitehead, 1938

S^t Ambrose, 340-397 Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20.24-29

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the twenty fourth <u>verse</u>.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

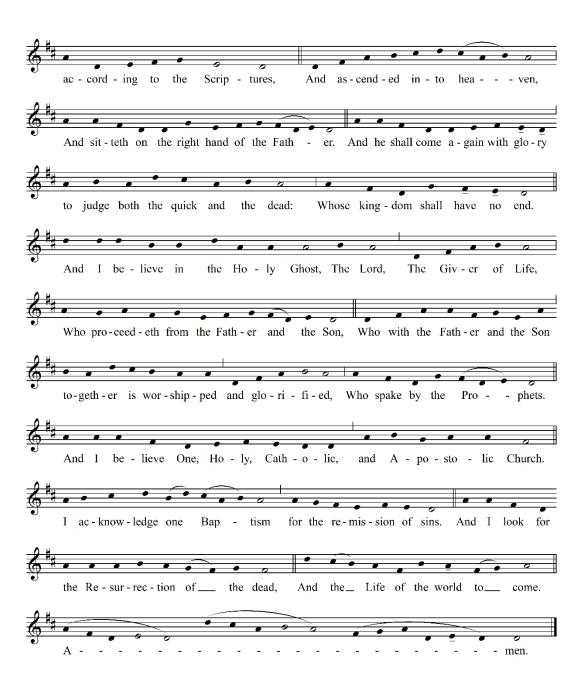
SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis





OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 613 - O, what their joy and their glory must be

- O, what their joy and their glory must be, Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see; Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be All, and in all, ever blest.
- What are the Monarch, his court and his throne? What are the peace and the joy that they own? O that the blest ones, who in it have share, All that they feel could as fully declare!
- 3 Truly Jerusalem name that we shore, Vision of peace, that brings joy evermore; Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er, Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 4 There, where no troubles distraction can bring, We the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing; While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise Thy blessèd people eternally raise.
- Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high, We for that country must yearn and must sigh; Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land, Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.
- 6 Low before him with our praises we fall, Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all; Of whom, the Father, and in whom, the Son; Through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, we render unto thee our bounden duty and service, humbly entreating thee: that as we offer this sacrifice of praise in honour of the confession of blessed Thomas our Patron, so by his prayers thou wouldest preserve thy gifts within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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_____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for ____ according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (Silence.)



Intercessor: 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.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places we now name, silently or aloud. 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.

Intercessor: 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.

Intercessor: 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; for newcomers and visitors this morning
both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud
[We give thanks especially for] 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.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick______, and 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 everpresent love of our Lord. (*Silence*.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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, rest in peace and rise in glory. (Silence.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by so great a witness to thy power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND 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.

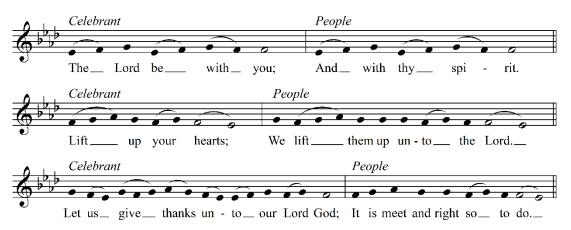
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily 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.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

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.**

The People remain kneeling.

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.

Who in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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

The Choir alone sings:

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,

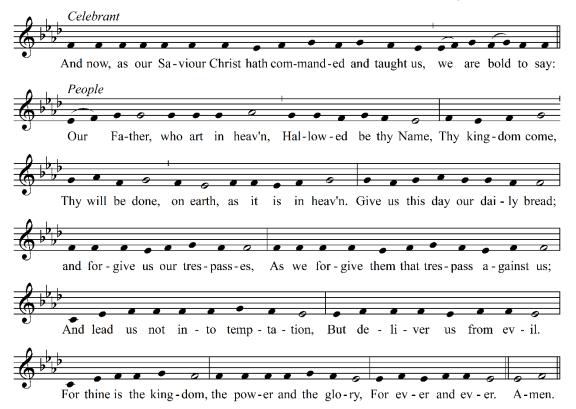
Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, 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.

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 229 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

- All 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.
- Upper 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
 Voices Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood,
 He will give to all the faithful his own Self for heavenly Food.
- Lower 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,Voices As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- All 4 At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

PICARDY French Traditional Carol From the Liturgy of St James (c. 5th century) tr Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885

Мотет

Jubilate Deo, Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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 kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the ♣ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 618 - Glorious things of thee are spoken

- Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 He, whose word cannot be broken,
 Formed thee for his own abode.
 On the Rock of ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage; Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age?
- Round each habitation hovering,
 See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a covering—
 Showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus they march, the pillar leading,
 Light by night and shade by day;
 Daily on the manna feeding
 Which he gives them when they pray.
- 4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
 I, through grace, a member am,
 Let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy Name.
 Fading is the world's best pleasure,
 All its boasted pomp and show;
 Solid joys and lasting treasure
 None but Zion's children know.

ABBOT'S LEIGH Cyril Taylor (1941) The Rev'd John Newton 1725-1807

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