Saint Thomas's Church

The Fourth Sunday After Easter Sunday, May 15, 2022

High Mass at 11 o'clock



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Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

383 Huron Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G5 416-979-2323 www.stthomas.on.ca office@stthomas.on.ca The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God:

Those on the Lady Altar are in thanksgiving for the memory of Bert Kish.

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 & Parish priest

Updated Provisos for In-Person Attendance

Masks are still required until May 1. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.

The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

Celebrant: Fr. Shire Homilist: Fr. D'Angelo Deacon: Fr. Humphrey Reader: David Kent

Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

Music of the Mass – Missa Brevis, Lennox Berkeley

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, Johannes Brahms

Psalm 98.1-7 Ant. v.1; *Tone I,2*

The People stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again if the Choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

Introit

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.

- With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord hath declared his salvation: / his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: / sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp: / sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
- With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, / O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

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.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.

The People kneel.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir alone sings the Kyrie.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo Missa de Angelis

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

People 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.**

The People remain standing for the Collect.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

First Lesson Acts 11.1-18

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

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God

gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum
Tone VII,5

- 1 O Praise the Lord from the heavens: / praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: / praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon: / praise him, all ye stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, all ye heavens, / and ye waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; / for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: / he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, / ye dragons and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour, / wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills; / fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle; / creeping things and feathered fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; / princes and all judges of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens together; / old men and children;
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; / for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above heaven and earth.
- 14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: / even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Second Lesson Revelation 21.1-6

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 13.31-35

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

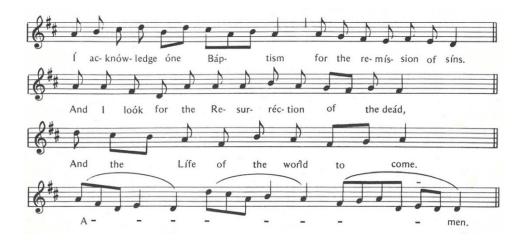
Sermon

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

The Nicene Creed







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 55 – On this day, the first of days

- On this day, the first of days
 God the Father's Name we praise;
 Who creation's Lord and Spring,
 Did the world from darkness bring.
- On this day the Eternal Son Over death his triumph won; On this day the Spirit came With his gifts of living flame.
- 3 O that fervent love to-day May in every heart have sway, Teaching us to praise aright God the Source of life and light.
- 4 Father, who didst fashion me Image of thyself to be, Fill me with thy love divine, Let my every thought be thine.
- 5 Holy Jesu, may I be
 Dead and buried here with thee;
 And, by love inflamed, arise
 Unto thee a sacrifice.
- 6 Thou, who dost all gifts impart, Shine, sweet Spirit, in my heart; Best of gifts thyself bestow; Make me burn thy love to know.
- God, the blessèd Three in One,Dwell within my heart alone;Thou dost give thyself to me,May I give myself to thee.

The People may sit at the conclusion of the hymn, standing again 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

In	ter	cessi	ons

Intercessions
Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the church and for the world.
Intercessor I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop for according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (Silence.)
Lord, in thy mercy, We beseech thee, hear our prayer.
Intercessor I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we 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 God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name silently or aloud [We give thanks especially on the anniversary this week of the {baptism of / confirmation of / marriage of / ordination of}] 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 due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders in isolation, 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.
Intercessor I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for, 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,

Celebrant Blessed art thou, God of glory, for thou gavest us thy Son: Hear the prayers we offer unto thee this day, come amongst thy people, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Glory to thee for ever and ever. **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.

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

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. 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:

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.

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, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, Fraction, & Peace

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

The consecrated Bread is broken.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Holy Communion

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:

- 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.

Communion Instructions

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing as directed by the sidespeople.

To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms in the shape of an X across your chest. If you have not been baptized, you are warmly invited to speak to a member of the clergy after this service about the possibility of baptism.

The common cup at communion was restored as of Maundy Thursday. As has always been the case, communicants may choose to receive communion in one kind only (i.e. no one should feel obligated to receive both the bread and the wine). If you are not receiving in both kinds, it is customary to reverence (acknowledge with a bow of the head or sign of the cross) the wine as you pass. Likewise for those who receive from the cup only.

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked not to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand (the practice known as intinction) as an alternative to drinking from the chalice.

An Act of Spiritual Communion which may be said 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

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.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying; Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21.1-4)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

Communion Hymn 240 - Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

- 1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; Come into the daylight's splendour, There with joy thy praises render Unto him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous banquet founded: High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.
- 2 Now I sink before thee lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy, As with trembling awe and wonder On thy mighty works I ponder: How, by mystery surrounded, Depths no mortal ever sounded, None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with thee are hidden.
- 3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten, Light, who dost my soul enlighten, Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth, Fount, whence all my being floweth, At thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, thy glory, given.
- 4 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
 Let me gladly here obey thee;
 Never to my hurt invited,
 Be thy love with love requited:
 From this banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
 As thy guest in heaven receive me.

Prayer After Communion

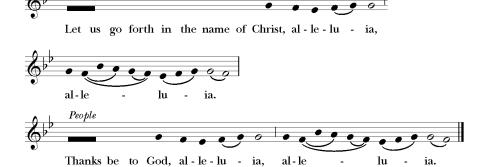
Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are 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.

The People stand.

Eastertide Dismissal



Concluding Hymn 591 – Thou art the Way

- Thou art the Way: to thee alone From sin and death we flee: And he who would the Father seek Must seek him, Lord, by thee.
- Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone True wisdom can impart; Thou only canst inform the mind, And purify the heart.

- Thou art the Life: the rending tomb Proclaims thy conquering arm; And those who put their trust in thee Nor death nor hell shall harm.
- Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; Grant us that Way to know, That Truth to keep, that Life to win Whose joys eternal flow.

Bishop G.W. Doane, 1824

St Magnus, Jeremiah Clark, 1709

Postlude Toccata, Max Reger