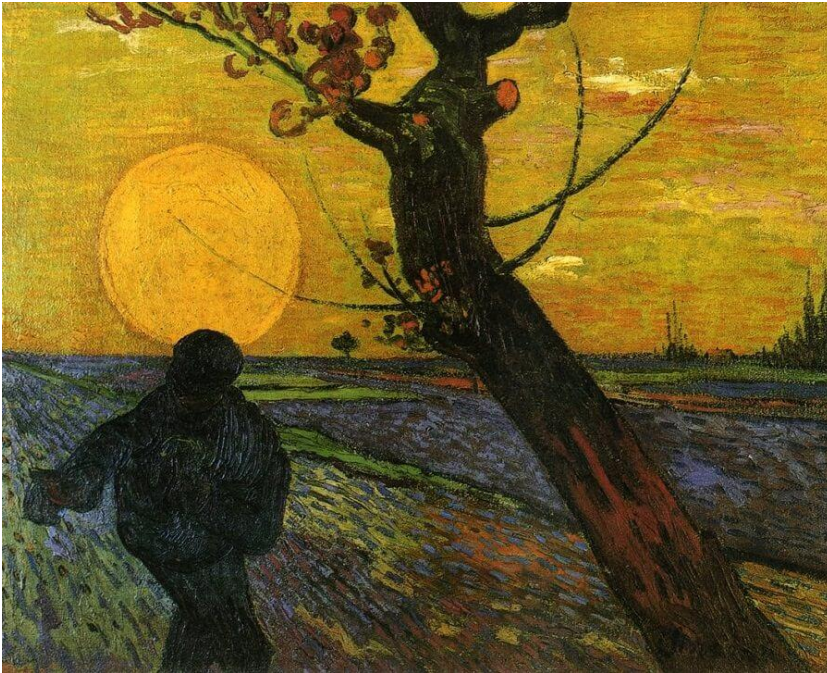


# Saint Thomas's Church

## Easter V

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Evensong & Benediction at 5:00 pm



The Sower, Vincent Van Gogh, 1889  
Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

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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

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

*The flowers on the high altar are in loving memory of; Percy William Edward Harcourt,  
Kathleen May Harcourt and Percy Vernon Earl Harcourt.  
Never far from my thoughts and always in my heart.*



St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit [qrco.de/smokytoms](http://qrco.de/smokytoms). Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. **We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex.**

**Officiant:** Fr. Nathan Humphrey  
**Organist & Choirmaster:** Elizabeth Anderson  
**Assistant Organist & Choirmaster:** Manuel Piazza

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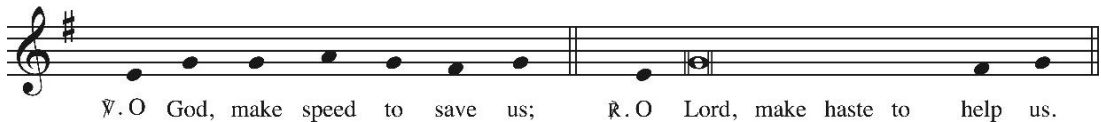
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Choral on 'Ave Maria,' Flor Peeters (1903-1986)  
'Ave Maria,' Victor Togni (1935-1965)

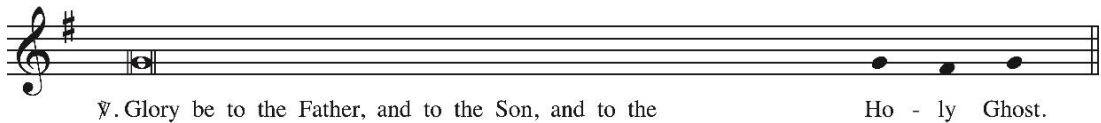
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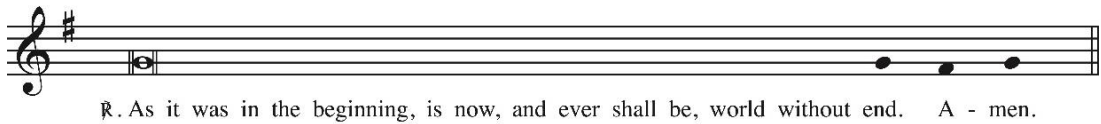
♩. O Lord, open thou our lips;    R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



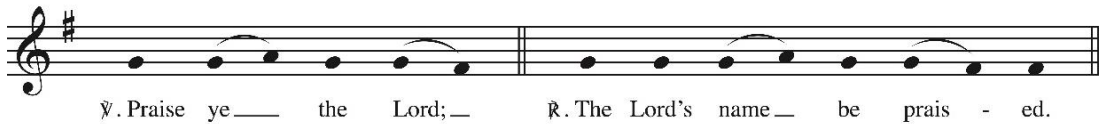
♩. O God, make speed to save us;    R. O Lord, make haste to help us.



♩. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the    Ho - ly Ghost.



♩. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.    A - men.



♩. Praise ye the Lord;    R. The Lord's name be prais - ed.

*The People sit when the officiant sits.*

**PSALM 61**

*Exaudi, Deus.*  
IV. 4.



- Cantor* 1 HEAR MY cry-**ing**, O God :  
*People* give **ear** un-to my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart **is** in  
hea-vi<sup>n</sup>-ness : O lead me to the rock that **is** high-er than I.
- Cantor* 3 For thou hast **been** my re-fuge :  
and a strong tower for me a-**gain**s-t the en-e<sup>n</sup>-my.
- People* 4 I will dwell in thy taberna-**cle** for ev-er :  
and my trust shall be under the cov-**er**-ing of thy wings.
- Cantor* 5 For thou, O God, hast heard **my** de-sires :  
and hast given an heritage un-**to** those that fear thy<sup>n</sup>-Name.
- People* 6 Thou shalt grant the king a long life :  
his years shall be as ma-**ny** ge-ne-ra-tions.
- Cantor* 7 He shall dwell before **God** for ev-er : O prepare thy loving mercy and  
faithfulness, that **they** may pre-serve him.
- People* 8 So will I always sing praise un-**to** thy Name :  
that I may **dai**-ly per-form my<sup>n</sup>-vows.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : **and** to the Ho-ly<sup>n</sup>-Ghost;  
*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :  
world **with**-out end. A-men.

**PSALM 62**

*Nonne Deo?*  
V. 3.



- Cantor* 1 MY SOUL truly waiteth in silence up-on **God** :  
*People* for of him cometh **my** sal-va-tion.
- 2 He verily is my strength and my sal-**va**-tion :  
he is my defence, so that I **shall** not great-ly<sup>n</sup>-fall.
- Cantor* 3 How long will ye set upon a man, battering him, all of **you** :  
like a tottering wall, and **like** a brok-en<sup>n</sup>-fence?

*People* 4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will ex-**alt** :  
their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth,  
but **curse** with their heart.

*Cantor* 5 Nevertheless my soul, wait thou in silence up-on **God** :  
for my **hope** is in him.

*People* 6 He truly is my strength and my sal-**va**-tion :  
he is my defence, so **that** I shall not <sup>^</sup>fall.

*Cantor* 7 In God is my health and my **glo**-ry :  
the rock of my might, and in **God** is my trust.

*People* 8 O put your trust in him alway, ye **peo**-ple :  
pour out your hearts before him, for **God** is our hope.

*Cantor* 9 As for the sons of men, they are but vani-**tý**; yea, the sons of men are a  
de-**ceit** : upon the scales they are altogether lighter than **van**-i-ty it<sup>^</sup>self.

*People* 10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves un-to **van**-i-ty :  
if riches increase, set not your **heart** up-on them.

*Cantor* 11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the **same** :  
that power be-**long**-eth un-to<sup>^</sup>God;

*People* 12 And that thou, Lord, art **mer**-ci<sup>^</sup>ful :  
for thou renderest unto every man ac-**cord**-ing to his<sup>^</sup>work.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;  
*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** end. A-men.

## FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 28.1-13

The First Lesson is written the book Deuteronomy, in the twenty-eighth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

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

## **THE MAGNIFICAT**

Westminster Service, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; /  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; /  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

*The People sit.*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 4.1-20

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Mark in the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that 'they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.'"

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

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

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Westminster Service, Herbert Howells

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /  
world without end. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

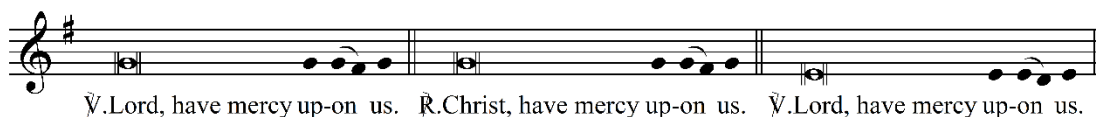
*The Creed is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

I believe in God  
**the Father Almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**  
**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**Was crucified, dead, and buried:**  
**He descended into hell;**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.



*The Officiant and Choir alone sing,*

## THE SALUTATION AND LESSER LITANY



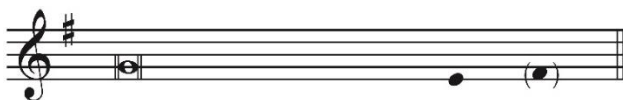
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is chanted on a monotone, the Officiant beginning,*

Our Father

**who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## THE RESPONSES



♩. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us;

♩. And grant us thy salva-tion.

♩. O Lord, save **the** King,

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

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

♩. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

♩. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.

♩. And bless thine inhe-ri-tance.

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

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

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR ROGATIONTIDE**

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## ANTHEM

'My beloved spake' Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

My beloved spake and said unto me, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise my love, my love, my fair one, and come away.

(Song of Solomon 2.10-13)

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

*The Officiant says selected prayers, following which all say the General Thanksgiving.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

**We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13.14*

*The People stand.*

### HYMN 171

Lord, in thy Name thy servants plead



- 1 Lord, in thy Name thy servants plead, / And thou hast sworn to hear;  
Thine is the harvest, thine the seed, / The fresh and fading year
- 2 Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild, / We trusted, Lord, with thee:  
And still, now spring has on us smiled, / We wait on thy decree.
- 3 The former and the latter rain, / The summer sun and air,  
The green ear, and the golden grain, / All thine, are ours by prayer.
- 4 Thine too by right, and ours by grace, / The wondrous growth unseen,  
The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace, / The love that shines serene.
- 5 So grant the precious things brought fourth / By sun and moon below,  
That thee in thy new heaven and earth / We never may forego.
- 6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, / The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now, / And shall be evermore.

*The People kneel at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

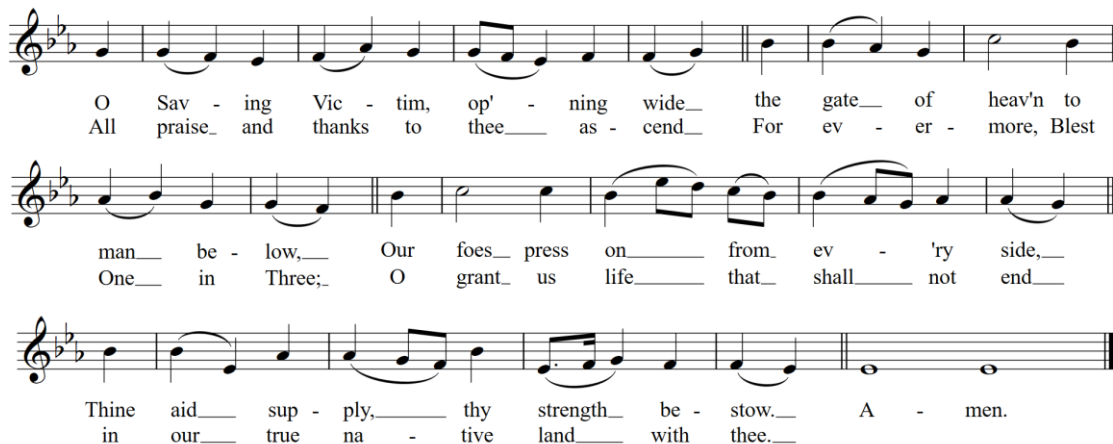
### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

#### Hymn 237, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th c.  
tr. E. Caswall and J.M. Neale

Hereford

S.S. Wesley, 1810-1876



O Sav - ing Vic - tim, op' - ning wide\_ the gate\_ of heav'n to  
All praise\_ and thanks to thee\_ as - cend\_ For ev - er - more, Blest  
man\_ be - low, Our foes\_ press on\_ from ev - 'ry side,  
One\_ in Three; O grant\_ us life\_ that\_ shall\_ not end\_  
Thine aid\_ sup - ply, thy strength\_ be - stow\_ A - men.  
in our\_ true na - tive land\_ with thee\_

*Fauxbourdon for the tune Hereford by John Tuttle*

### MOTET

'O sacrum convivium,' Gerald Near (b. 1942)

O sacrum convivium! In quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

# TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

## Hymn 234, pt 2

St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th c., tr. E. Caswall

Grafton

French, *Tantum ergo* in

*Chants Ordinaires de l'Office Divin*, Paris 1880

There - fore we, be - fore\_ him\_ bend - ing, This great Sa - cra - ment re - vere;  
Glo - ry let us give, and\_ bless - ing To the Fa - ther and\_ the\_ Son,  
Types and sha - dows have\_ their\_ end - ing, For the new - er  
Hon - our, might, and praise\_ ad - dress - ing, While e - ter - nal  
rite\_ is\_ here;\_ Faith, our\_ out - ward sense\_ be - friend - ing,  
ag - es\_ run;\_ Ev - er\_ too his love\_ con - fess - ing,  
Makes\_ our\_ in - ward vi - sion\_ clear. A - men.  
Who\_ from\_ Both\_ with Both\_ is\_ One.

*Descant for the tune Grafton by Jenna Freudenberg*

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

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; Allelu-ia!

**Containing in itself all sweetness. Allelu-ia!**

## **COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*The people are blessed by the Sacrament.*

## **THE DIVINE PRAISES**

*The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

PSALM 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

*Antiphon:*

*Cantor*

*People*



O PRAISE the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yē peo-ples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ēr. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and to thē Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
world with-**out** end. A-men.

*All repeat the Antiphon from the beginning.*

*The People rise at the sound of the Sanctus bells.*

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