

Saint Thomas's Church

Easter V – Rogation Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Jesus sends out the twelve Apostles
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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. Shire
Reader: John Stuart
Intercessor: Ronwen Guest
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, 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.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on

6
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

12
give you thanks, we praise_ you for_ your glo - ry. Lord, Je- sus Christ,

18

 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

24

 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right_ hand of the

30

 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

37

 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

43

 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly_ Spi - rit, in the

49

 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

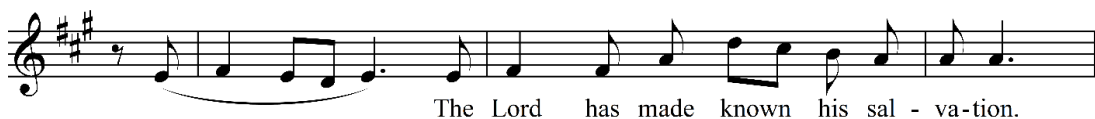
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98.1-10



The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. *Refrain.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. *Refrain.*

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. *Refrain.*

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5.1-6

A reading from the First Epistle of John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluias, which are repeated by the People. The Cantor then sings the verse, and all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *Repeat Alleluias.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)*

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 People remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Christ's victory over death proclaims the presence of God in the new kingdom. Let us become the fruitful land that supports and feeds life and love, and peace in creation.

In the church, for _____; for our Bishops _____; in particular for these persons in our parish _____; that as we bear fruit, fruit that will last, the Father will give all we ask and need.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

For Charles our King and those who govern under him; and for all the nations, the civil divisions of the world, and the leaders and commanders of our lives, allow a consensus to grow that ranks plowshares above swords, food above war.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

For the sick _____; and those unknown, that recognizing the source of the gifts of science and care offered to them, they will allow the seeds of healing to grow in their lives.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

For the others for whom we are asked to pray _____; that as they hear the words of love granted them by the Christ, they feel his joy in them completing their joy in all creation.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

For all who give and receive thanks, but particularly today _____; and all who work to produce food humanely, with abundance, while maintaining the health of the land.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

For the dead _____; and for the infant and its grandparents killed Wednesday as a result of the choices of others, that, as the renewed kingdom comes, a full and peaceable life is had by more and more of creation.

In the kingdom of God,
his seeds of new life and hope grow.

Our creator, maker of heaven and earth, we bless you and give you glory. Bless these seeds and make them fruitful. Look upon our work this season and grant that the seeds we plant will produce plentiful crops, providing food and work for many. In your love, give us favorable weather throughout the growing season. Make us truly grateful for all our gifts and willing to share our goods and talents with others, especially those without enough food. We ask through your Son, in the unity of the Spirit, one God, eternally. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

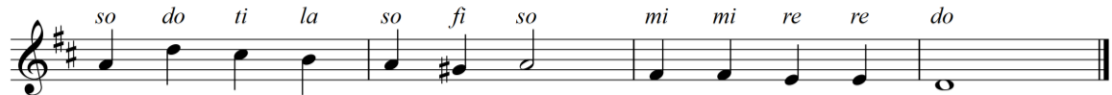
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.



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|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Gra - cious Spi - rit, | Ho - ly Ghost, | Taught by thee, we | co - vet most |
| 2. Love is kind and | suf - fers long, | Love is meek and | thinks no wrong, |
| 3. Pro - phe - cy will | fade a - way, | Mel - ting in the | light of day; |
| 4. Faith will va - nish | in - to sight; | Hope be emp - tied | in de - light; |
| 5. Faith and hope and | love we see | Join - ing hand in | hand a - gree; |
| 6. From the o - ver - sha - dow - ing | | Of thy gold and | sil - ver wing |

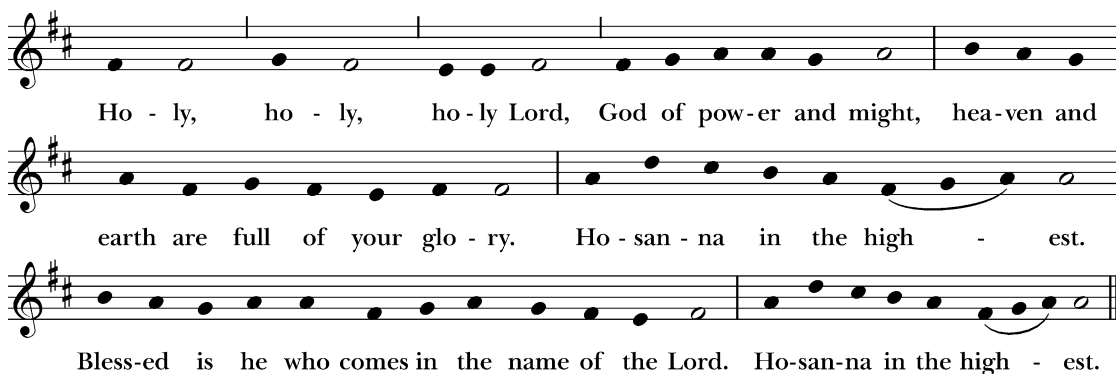


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| Of thy gifts at | Pen - te - cost, | Ho - ly, heaven - ly | love. |
| Love, than death it - | self, more strong; | There - fore give us | love. |
| Love will e - ver | with us stay; | There - fore give us | love. |
| Love in heaven will | shine more bright; | There - fore give us | love. |
| But the great - est | of the three, | And the best, is | love. |
| Shed on us, who | to thee sing, | Ho - ly, heaven - ly | love. |

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

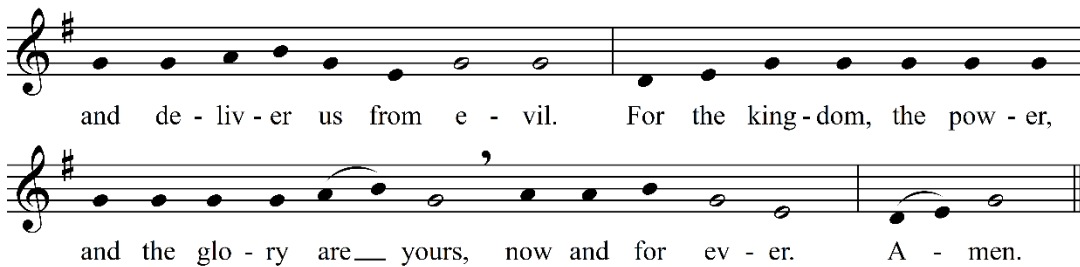
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The People remain standing.

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."



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

Lord, we died with you on the Cross
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

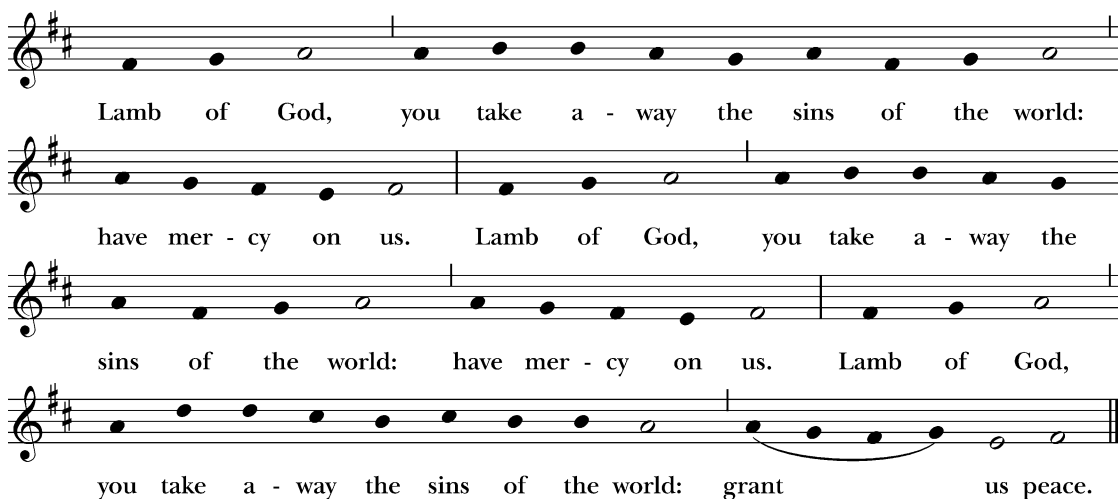
HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEI

Plainsong Mass, David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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).

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 are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

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

MOTET

'The Father's Love' Simon Lole (b. 1957)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

Remain in my love.

This is my commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

God is Love, and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.

If you keep my commandments, love one another, as I have loved you.

Then your joy will be complete.

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your 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 stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN



1. Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voi - ces,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re - joi - ces:
 With e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to cheer us;
 The Son and Ho - ly Ghost, Sup - reme in high - est hea - ven,



Who from our mo - ther's arms has blessed us on our way
 And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore,



With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be e - ver - more.

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.*

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