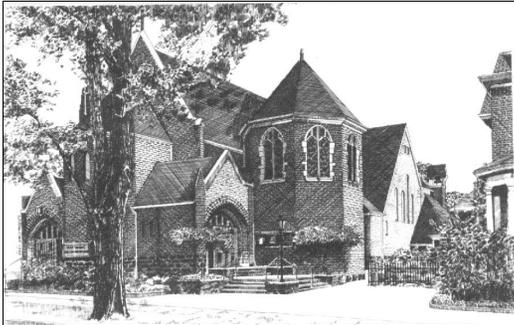


Feast of Dedication



Sung Eucharist *Contemporary Rite*

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

Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Saint Thomas's on the Feast of Dedication.

The Music of the Mass is and found on a separate insert. The hymns are listed in the leaflet and are found in the blue hymn book.

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

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

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

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

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The Presider greets the people, saying

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

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Please join together in singing,

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

The Collect of the Day

Please remain standing

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have our yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

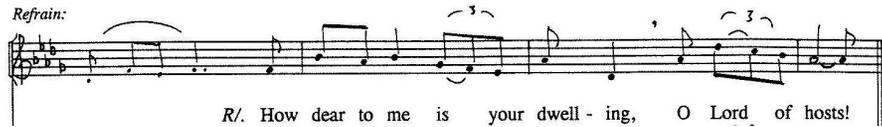
Old Testament Reading I Kings 8:22-23; 27-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 84.1-6



My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. *R/.*

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. *R/.*

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. *R/.*

Epistle 1 Peter 2.1-5,9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

please stand and repeat the Alleluias after the Cantor

Alleluia. Alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord: for my name to be there for ever. Alleluia.

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21.12-16

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?"

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Nicene Creed *please stand*

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

People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends 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.

Please kneel. A Silence is kept.

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

Celebrant:

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

People: Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

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

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

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

Offertory Hymn *(Please see leaflet)*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray:

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please see the music of the mass insert

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

After which all join in singing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Please see the music of the mass insert

Sanctus & Benedictus

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

Please kneel

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

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

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution

Presider: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei *Please see the music of the mass insert*

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

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

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

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

The sacrament is given with the following words:

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

During the communion, the choir may sing a motet

Hymn after Communion (Please see leaflet)

Prayer after Communion (Please remain standing)

Presider: Let us pray:

Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in the heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour.

People: Amen.

Dismissal & Blessing

The Presider blesses the people saying:

Presider: Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION is the proper title for the anniversary of the consecration of the church building. This church was solemnly set apart or dedicated on January 17, 1893 (and, of course, the congregation had already worshipped in two other places for almost twenty years before that). However, the actual consecration — which could not occur until everything had been paid for — took place on April 30, 1931. What a great day it must have been when Charles Roper, who had been parish priest at its opening, and who had served since as Bishop of British Columbia and was now Bishop of Ottawa and soon to become Metropolitan of the Province, returned to preach at its consecration. It is an occasion we recall year by year. But since the actual date is always in Eastertime, when our attention is rightly focused elsewhere, we follow ancient precedent and observe it today on the first Sunday in October.

Give thanks today for all the benefits we have received within the walls of this hallowed place. It is here that God has often met with us and blessed us; giving us strength and courage to face a new day. Pray that this dedicated house may ever be the home of a dedicated people.

R.A.H.