

**St.Thomas**

THE APOSTLE



*Serving as the hands of Christ*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Preludes:** Cortège Solennel ~L. Boëllmann  
Litany ~C. Callahan

*Please stand as able*

**Opening Hymn: 528** O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1 & 3)

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

One: Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

**All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Remembrance Anthem:** For the Fallen ~Mike Sammes

One: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

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## **The Last Post**

## **Minute of Silence**

## **Rouse**

## **Concluding Prayer**

One: Ever-living God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **National Anthem**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command,  
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!  
Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits,  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## **The Collect of the Day**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God,**  
**who caused all holy scriptures**  
**to be written for our learning,**  
**grant us so to hear them,**  
**read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,**  
**that we may embrace and ever hold fast**  
**the blessed hope of everlasting life,**  
**which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25 (Linda Thom)

One: A reading from the book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to

the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78.1-7** (Kurt Ala-Kantti & Denise Hawkins)

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old;

Which we have heard and known, and such as our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell them to the generation to come, even the praises of the Lord, and his might, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;

That the next generation might know it, and the children which were yet unborn;

To the intent that when they rose up, they might show their children the same;

That they might put their trust in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

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.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 (Kim Chadsey)

One: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians  
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able*

**Gospel Acclamation**

One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25.1-13

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are

going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

One: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

One: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People** (Andrea Teekasingh)

One: Hear us O God

**All: Your mercy is great.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

One: 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.

*Silence*

One: 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.**

One: 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**

*Please stand as able*

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Greet each other while staying in pews with a nod or wave*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

#### **Hymn 575** Let Streams of Living Justice (v. 1 & 2)

Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron power,  
abolish ancient vengeance,  
proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together,  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colours with your sun.

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

One: Gracious God,  
your word to us is food indeed.  
Receive all we offer you this day,  
and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 3)**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: 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.**

One: 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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 those  
who 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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

**All: Give us this bread for ever.**

One: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

**All: May we dwell in him, as he dwells in us.**

### **Holy Communion**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Lamb of God**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**All: have mercy on us.**

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**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**All: Grant us peace.**

*Today we will remain in our seats for communion. Rev. Michael will come to each seat and offer communion; those of you who don't want communion, please cross your arms across your chest and he will offer a blessing. After receiving the bread and once Rev. Michael has moved away, remove your mask using the ear loops, place the wafer in your mouth and replace your mask. Fr. Tim will then follow with hand sanitizer. If you have taken communion please sanitize your hands.*

**Communion Anthem: O Valiant Hearts ~J. Arkwright/C. Harris**

### **Prayer after Communion**

One: Living God,  
in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
and bring us to the joy you promise.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Doxology**

One: Glory to God,  
**All: 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 DISMISSAL**

### **Announcements**

**Royal Anthem: 660** God Save Our Gracious Queen (v. 1)  
God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

**Closing Hymn: 573** O Day of Peace

O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

### **Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Trumpet Voluntary ~John Stanley

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