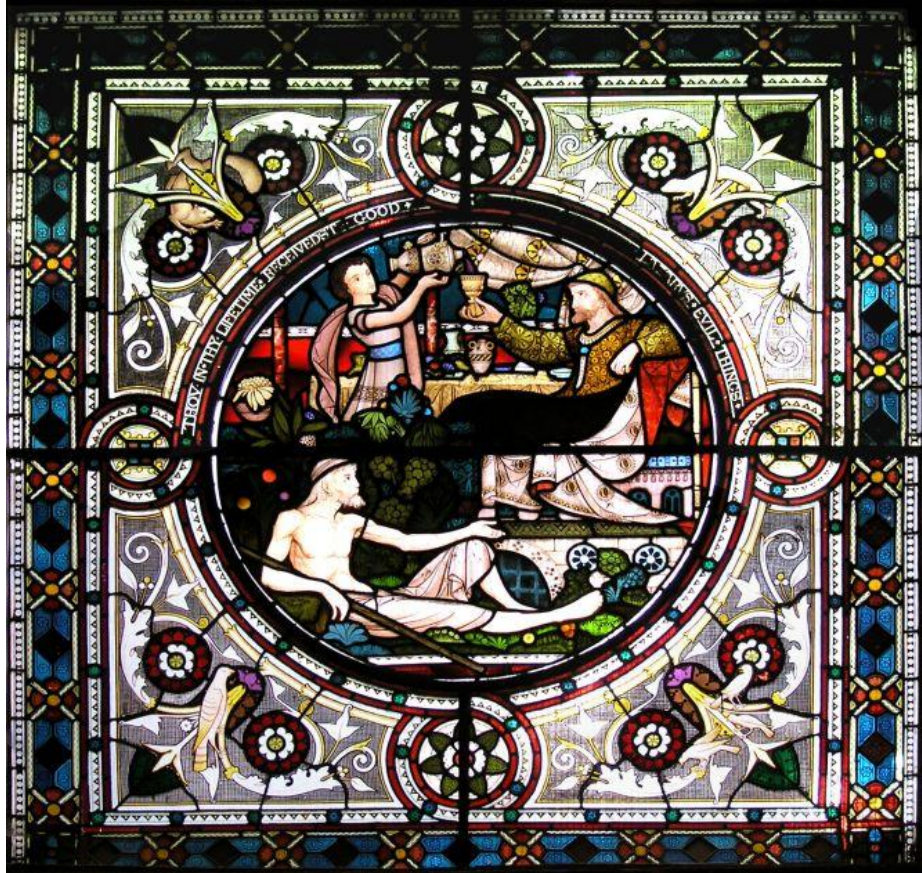


Saint Thomas' Parish Washington, D. C.



The Rich Man and Lazareth, Stained Glass from St. Mary's Church, Banbury, UK

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21 C)
September 30, 2007
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude *Ecce tempus idoneum*

Thomas Tallis

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Entrance Hymn 546 *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Amos 6:1a,4-7*

Psalm 146: 1-6 *Lauda, anima mea* ✠ *sung by all*

Plainsong, Tone V



1

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, / O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I / have my being.

2

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of / earth, *
for there is no / help in **them**.

3

When they breathe their last, they return to / earth, *
and in that day their / **thoughts** perish.

4

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their / help! *
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;

5

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them; *
who keeps his pro-/ mise for ever;

6

Who gives justice to those who are op-/ pressed, *
and food to / those who hunger.

Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Alleluia / Verse

✠ A Cantor sings the Alleluia, all respond. The cantor sings a verse, all repeat the Alleluia.



The Holy Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

The Reverend Kay Johnson

Commissioning for Lay Ministries in the Church

(The Congregation is seated. Wardens, vestry, staff members, and committee chairs remain standing.)

Rector: Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Commissioning of the Wardens

Rector: You have been called to a ministry as Wardens in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will.

Rector: In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens in this Parish.

The Commissioning of the Vestry

Wardens: We present to you these persons to be recognized as functioning in the ministry of the Vestry of this congregation.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry as Vestry members in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Congregation: *The Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding, God stores up sound wisdom for the upright; and is a shield to those who walk in integrity.*

Rector:

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Members of the Vestry in this Parish.

The Commissioning of Staff

Wardens: We present to you these persons who serve on the staff of St. Thomas' Parish.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry of servant leadership for this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Congregation: *You are my witnesses, says God, and my servants whom I have chosen.*

Rector: Give thanks and call upon God's Name:

Congregation: *Make God's deeds known among all people.*

Rector:

Let us pray

Gracious God, confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants commissioned to minister in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as staff members in this Parish

The Commissioning of the Choir

Choir Director: I present to you these persons who are Choir Members in this congregation.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry as Choir Members in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Congregation: *Sing to God and bless God's Name; proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.*

Rector: Come let us sing to God:
Congregation: *Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

Rector:
Let us pray.

O God, who inspired David the King both to write songs and to appoint singers for your worship: Give grace to the singers in your Church, that with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, they may sing and make music to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Choir Members in this Parish.

The Commissioning of Committee Chairs

Wardens: We present to you these persons who serve as Committee Chairs in this congregation.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry of leadership in this congregation as Committee Chairs. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Congregation: *God will not overlook your work and the love which you show for God's sake.*

Rector:
Let us pray.

Gracious God, bless these Committee Chairs who serve in your name; that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may serve only your purposes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I admit you to the office of Committee Chairs.

Concluding Collect

O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to these servant leaders pure intention and patient faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Motet *Ave Maria*

John Taverner

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

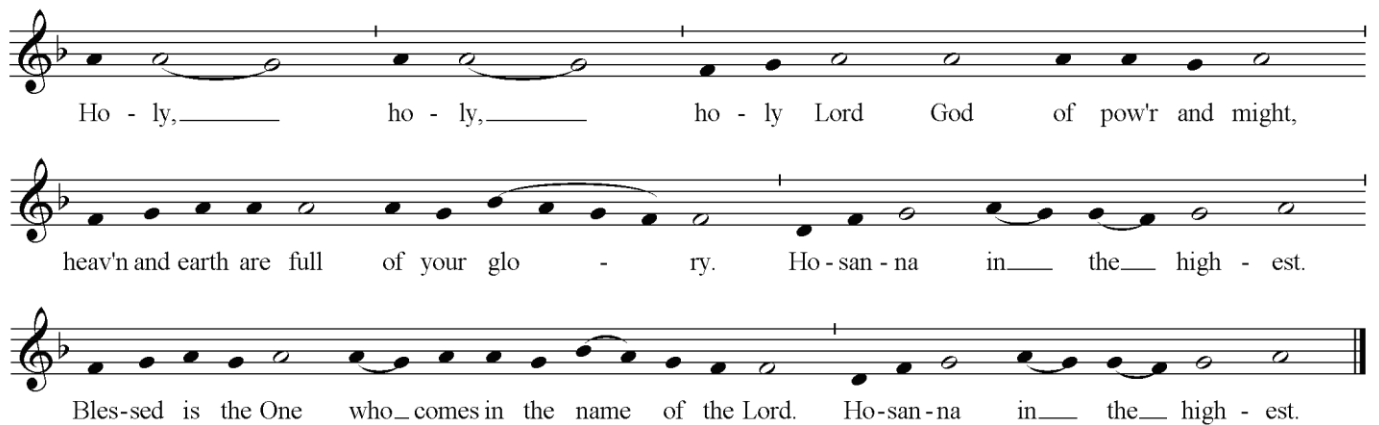
Presentation Hymn 609 *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

Eucharist Prayer B

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Plainsong, harmonized by Maurice Duruflé



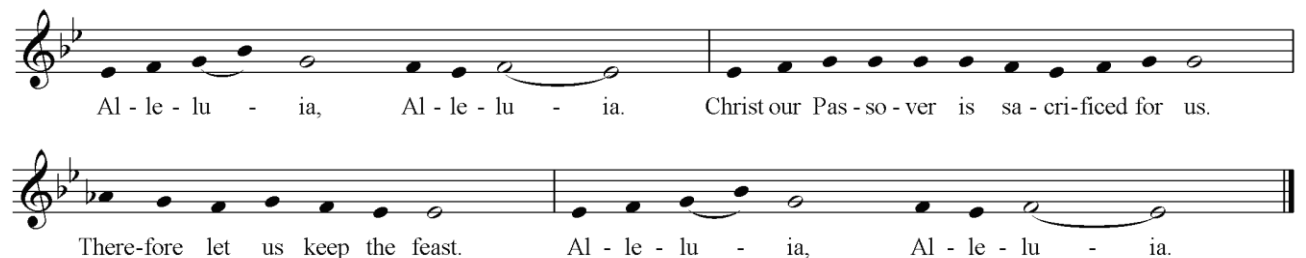
Ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, _____ ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the _____ high - est.
Bles-sed is the One who _____ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in _____ the _____ high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *Alleluia. Christ our Passover*

Plainsong, Tone VII



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pas - so - ver is sa - cri-ficed for us.
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Motet *Euge Caeli*

Thomas Tallis

Rejoice Gate of Heaven, for now you are open, you have let into the world the Light of Truth, the Sun of Justice himself, clothed in flesh.

Hymn during Communion 311 *O saving Victim*

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Hymn 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

Dismissal

Postlude *Clarifica me Pater, No. 3*

William Byrd

*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Nancy Lee Jose in honor of St. Thomas' spiritual leadership.
St. Thomas' Flower Guild created their display.*



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A place to find and be found by God.

-The People of St. Thomas'

Vestry

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