

Missa cantata

Organ Prelude

Adagio and Andante Largo from Voluntary V, Op. 6

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Please note that during the yellow phase of re-opening, mask wearing continues to be required, and congregational singing is permitted if masked.

THE PROCESSION

Versicle Let us go forth in peace.

Response **In the name of the Lord.**

Processional Hymn 242

Coelites Plaudant

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| <p>1 CHRIST, the fair glory of the holy Angels,
Thou who hast made us, thou who o'er us rulest,
Grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants
Steps up to heaven.</p> <p>2 Send thy Archangel, Michael, to our succour;
Peacemaker blessèd, may he banish from us
Striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful
All things may prosper.</p> | <p>3 Send thy Archangel, Gabriel, the mighty;
Herald of heaven, may he from us mortals
Spurn the old serpent, watching o'er the temples
Where thou art worshipped.</p> <p>4 Send thy Archangel, Raphael, the restorer
Of the misguided ways of men who wander,
Who at thy bidding strengthens soul and body
With thine anointing.</p> <p>5 May the blest Mother of our GOD and SAVIOUR,
May the assembly of the Saints in glory,
May the celestial companies of Angels
Ever assist us.</p> |
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Station at the Rood

Versicle O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

Response **Praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Celebrant O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- 6 FATHER almighty, SON and HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD ever blessèd, be thou our preserver;
Thine is the glory which the Angels worship,
Veiling their faces.

Introit

O praise the Lord, all ye his Angels : excelling in power, that execute his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words. *Ps.* Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy name. Glory be ... O praise the Lord ...

Salutation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie *The Mass of St. Thomas* *Robert Fleming (1921-1976)*

Choir Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*
Christe eleison *Christ, have mercy upon us*
Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Gloria *Missa de Angelis* *Plainsong*

Celebrant GLORY be to God on high,
People and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea.*

THE LORD hath established his throne in heaven, / and his kingdom ruleth over all.
O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength, / ye that fulfil his commandment,
and hearken unto the voice of his word.
O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts, / ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: / praise thou the
LORD, O my soul.

Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 243

Solothurn

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| 1 AROUND the throne of GOD a band
Of glorious Angels always stand;
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold.
And on their heads are crowns of gold. | 3 LORD, give thy Angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep. |
| 2 Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will;
And some, when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below. | 4 So shall no wicked thing draw near,
To do us harm or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With Angels round thy throne at last. |

Gradual

O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment. *℟*.
O Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name. *Alleluia*, alleluia.
℟. In the presence of the Angels : will I praise thee, O Lord my God. *Alleluia*.

The Gospel *John 1:47-51*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning
at the forty-seventh verse.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Fr Stewart Murray

Nicene Creed

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant I BELIEVE in one God

People the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,

✠ And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSION

A server leads the prayers for the Church, ending each petition with:

Reader Lord, in thy mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Celebrant YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All **ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Motet

O sing joyfully

Adrian Batten (c.1591-c.1637)

Offertory

An Angel stood by the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand : and there was given unto him much incense, and the smoke of the incense ascended up to God, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 517

Darwall's 148th

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| <p>1 YE holy Angels bright,
Who wait at GOD's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your LORD's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
To high doth seem
For mortal tongue.</p> <p>2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
GOD's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.</p> | <p>3 Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!</p> <p>4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in GOD above :
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love !
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.</p> |
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Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

Celebrant God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass Intentions of the Day

Celebrant Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father almighty.
People **May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Celebrant THE Lord be with you;

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts;

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

The Mass of St. Thomas

Choir HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

BLESSED ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. ✠ Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and 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 them that 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 Fraction and Pax

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

The Mass of St. Thomas

Choir O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God ...
All **Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : sing ye praises, and magnify him above all for ever.

Communion is available in both kinds. Those who are concerned about receiving the sacrament from the common cup are encouraged to receive bread only. Communion will be administered at a rail situated at the foot of the Chancel steps in the Nave. Please observe the distance markers on the carpet as you advance towards the rail. You may kneel or stand as you receive the Sacred Host and, if desired, the cup. Once consumed, replace your mask, and return to your pew by one of the side aisles.

Music at Communion

Hail, glorious spirits, heirs of light

Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573)

THANKSGIVING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members**

of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us depart in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Post-Communion Hymn 519

Lasst uns erfreuen

1 YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

2 O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the LORD,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON,
And GOD the SPIRIT, THREE in ONE,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ANGELUS

Celebrant The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary;

People **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Celebrant Hail, Mary, full of grace : the Lord is with thee;
Blessèd art thou amongst women, and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

Celebrant Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

People **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Celebrant Hail, Mary ...

