



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## Thanksgiving Day

November 23, 2023 10:00 AM

### The Holy Eucharist

*The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

#### Prelude

#### Hymn at the Procession 290

*St. George's, Windsor*

George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

#### Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

*¶ The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are 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. *¶ People Amen.*

## Gloria in excelsis S-202

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Glory be to God on high,  
and on 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, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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.

**A**lmighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*¶ People Amen.*

## The Word of God

### The Lesson

Deuteronomy 8: 1-3, 6-10, 17-20

**T**his entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do

forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the recitation of the Psalm*

## Psalm

*Anglican Chant*

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*Edward Cutler (1831-1916)*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with  
grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## The Epistle

James 1: 17-18, 21-27

**E**very generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *All stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## Hymn at the Sequence 433

*Kremser*

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

## The Gospel

Matthew 6: 25-33

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**T**herefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson

## Litany of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto God our heavenly Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*¶ All kneel*

*Litanist* For the beauty and wonder of thy creation,  
in earth and sky and sea,

*People* **We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For all that is gracious in the lives of thy children, revealing the image of  
Christ,

*People* **We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,  
and our friends,

*People* **We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,

*People* **We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

*Litanist* Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to  
us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

*People* **To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*¶ Celebrant and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

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 honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*¶ Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution*

**A**lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and truth 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.

*¶ People Amen.*

*¶ The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words*



Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

*¶ All stand*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And with thy spirit.

*¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## Announcements

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# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Anthem

*Thou Visitest the Earth*

Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

*Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, and blessest it:  
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.*

## Hymn at the Presentation

380: v. 3

*Old Hundreth*

att. Louis Bourgeois

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

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.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

*¶ Celebrant and People*

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.

*¶ The People kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ 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 memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 Testament, 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 Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our

Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly 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 here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *¶ All Amen.*

*¶ The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*¶ Celebrant and People*

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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread S-158

*¶ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

**W**e 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

*All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## The Carol at Communion

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Basque Carol

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluyas raise:  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move,  
Sing to the Lord of harvest, a song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing:  
He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase,  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.*

*Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save:  
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet ye fall,  
And with your lives adore him, who gave his life for all.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*¶ Said by all kneeling*

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

**T**he 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. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *All stand*

**The Dismissal** ¶ *The People are dismissed with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn at the Retiring Procession** 397

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

John Cruger (1598-1662)

**Postlude**

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