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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Regina Coeli

Jacobus de Kerle
(1531-1591)

PRELUDE

Magnificat anima mea Dominum
(Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge Op. 18)

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir. As the ministers go to the Altar, this chant is sung by the Choir.

INTROIT

Plainsong (Mode I)

GAUDEAMUS omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Mariae Virginis:
de cuius Assumptione gaudent angeli, et collaudant Filium Dei.

Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honour of the Virgin Mary:
for whose Assumption, the angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God.*

My heart is inditing of a goodly matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

*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.*

Psalm 44

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory revealed in our human nature and thy love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image and conformed to the pattern of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God, 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 his 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; By 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, and 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SPECIAL FORM)

The People remain standing to pray.

The Leader prays

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray with Mary,
“My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.”

Almighty God, thy prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive
and bear a son who would be called Emmanuel.

Help us to look forward to thy deliverance and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

Leader For he hath regarded:
People the lowliness of his handmaiden.

The angel Gabriel declared unto Mary that she was to be the mother of the Savior.
Help all Christian people to be open to thy word and obedient to thy will.

Leader For behold from henceforth:
People all generations shall call me blessed.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang thy praise with her Magnificat.
Help us to live joyful lives that sing thy praises.

Leader For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
People and holy is his Name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph.
Strengthen our homes and families, and keep under thy protection
all those whom we love.

Leader For his mercy is on them that fear him
People throughout all generations.

Mary bore a son of David’s line, a king whose reign would never end.
Bless all the nations of the world with Christ’s gift of peace.

Leader He hath showed strength with his arm;
People he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

At the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Mary said to the stewards “Do whatever he tells you.”
May we respond to Christ’s call to build the Beloved Community.

Leader He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
People and hath exalted the humble and meek.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother,
and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms.
Give comfort and healing to all who suffer
and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

Leader He hath filled the hungry with good things,
People and the rich he hath sent empty away.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun.
Bring us with all those who have died in the faith of Christ
to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Leader He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
People as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant concludes the prayers with this collect

ALMIGHTY God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, foremost amongst the poor and humble,
to be the Mother of the Savior, grant, we pray thee, that, following her example, we may offer
thee the homage of sincere faith and place in thee all our hope of salvation. through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PEACE

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Jacobus Handl
(1550-1591)

REGALI ex progenie Maria exorta refulgent: *Mary, sprung from regal progeny shines brightly:*
cuius vita inclyta cunctas illustrat Ecclesias. *whose celebrated life illuminates the churches.*

Third Antiphon at Vespers of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HYMN

ES IST EIN ROS

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and
 cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

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

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God of Hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
 In nomine Domini.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes


By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

ALMIGHTY 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

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.

HYMN

WOODLANDS

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the pro - mise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name - the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Ave Maris Stella IV
(Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge Op. 18)

Marcel Dupré