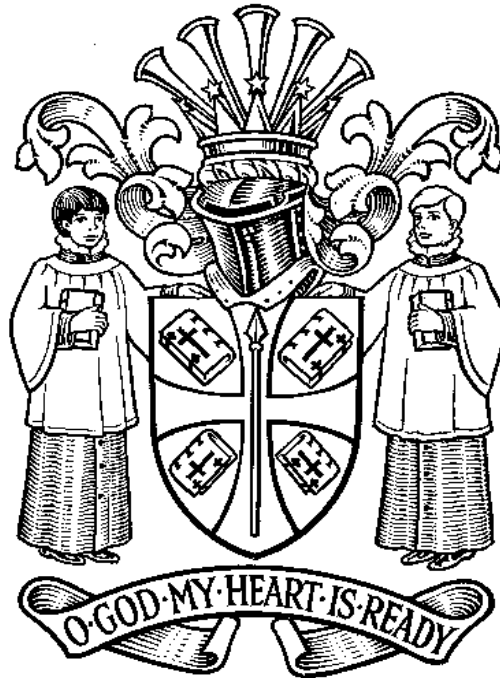


SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Rev. Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector



SOLEMN MASS

In thanksgiving for the life of

ROBERT J. 'BOB' RUSSELL

June 14, 1935 – February 8, 2021

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 12 P.M.



GOD'S love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

EVEN those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.

COVID-19. Current advice from both the CDC and the Bishop strongly discourages congregational singing of hymns and other extended pieces of music. Only the Cantor and Ministers will sing any hymns. We apologize for any disappointment this may cause and encourage you to join your prayers with those of the choir and ministers who will sing on your behalf. Responses, chants, and acclamations should be sung or spoken **very quietly**.

The Rector and Wardens

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in C BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

HYMN

RUSSELL

The tune for this hymn was written for Mary Lou by Bob.

LOVE is the key of life and death,
of hidden, heavenly mystery:
Of all Christ is, of all he saith,
Love is the key.

As three times to his saint he saith,
he saith to me, he saith to thee,
breathing his grace-conferring breath,
“Lovest thou me?”

Ah Lord! I have such feeble faith,
such feeble hope to comfort me;
but love it is, is strong as death;
And I love thee.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

ALmighty 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. *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

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

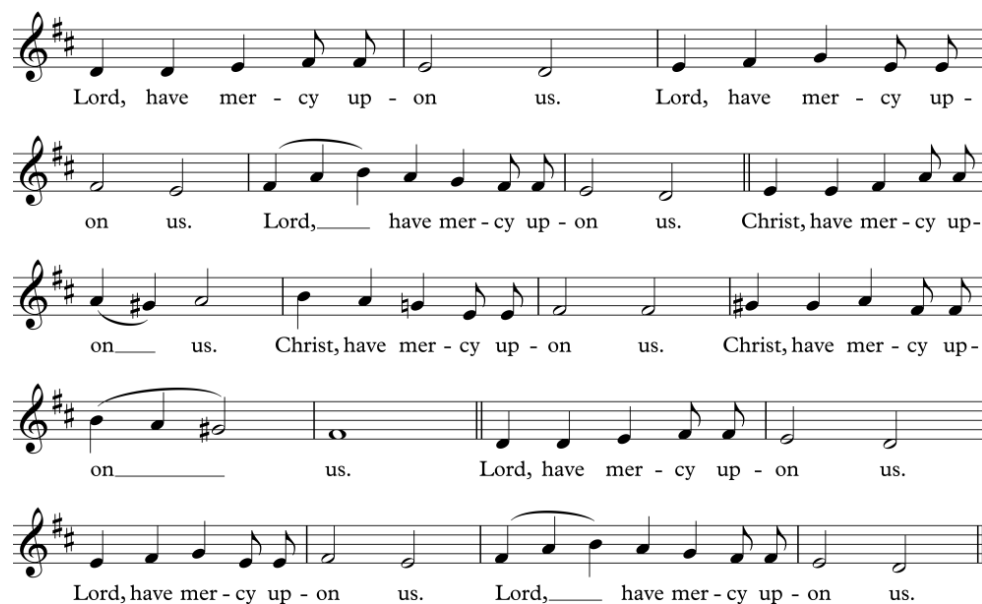
Celebrant and People

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON



The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant Robert; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17
read by Mr. David Russell

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

AS God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The lector concludes
The People respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Brother James' Air

James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860–1925)
arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

SERMON

The Rev. Kathleen L. Liles
Rector, Christ & St. Stephen's Church, New York

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Rev. William A Greenlaw

The People kneel.

FOR Bob, our brother, let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ who said:
"I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; be with us and all who mourn for Bob,
and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you raised the dead to life. Give to our brother Bob eternal life.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief who repented.

Bring our brother Bob to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bob was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give him a place in the company of your saints.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bob was nourished with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist;
grant him a place at the table at the banquet you have promised to your people
at the close of the age.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Bob;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us, O Christ.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

O GOD, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:
Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music
to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth;
and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty,
and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
(1822-1890)

PANIS Panis Angelicus
fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

Angels' Bread is made
the bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The_ Lord be_ with_ you. And_ with thy_ spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift_ up_ your_ hearts, We lift_ them up un - to_ the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give_ thanks un - to_ our Lord_ God.

People

It is meet_ and right so_ to do.

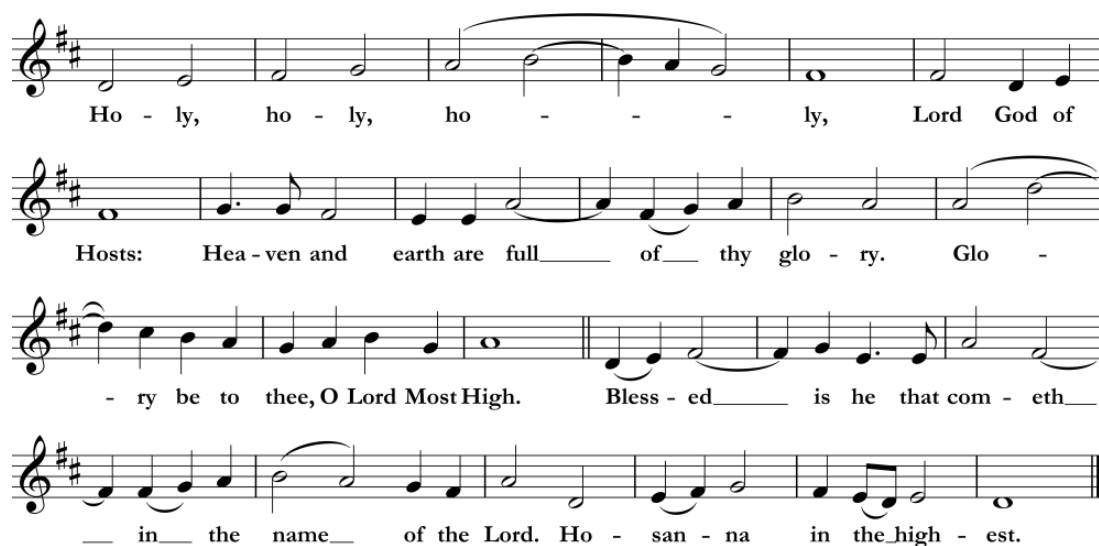
The Celebrant sings the Preface

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead,
and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life;
for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended;
and when our mortal body doth lie in death,
there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

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.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI



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 shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing and in the Chantry Chapel.
Gluten free hosts are available – please ask the priest.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy 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.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep

*Job 19:25-26 and 1 Corinthians 15:20
from 'Messiah'*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant says this prayer

ALmighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with
the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

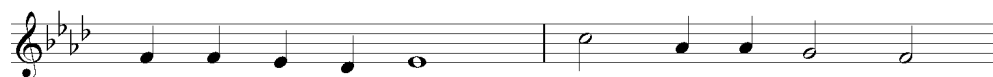
THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd
of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good
work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN

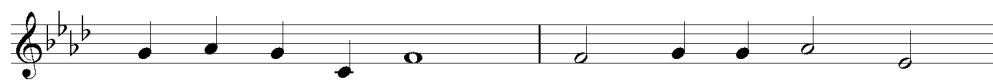
ORA LABORA



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	"Go	work	to	day."
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered	not.		
3	may	our	God - ful	fill	his	right - eous	will.	
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,		"Ser - vants,	well	done."

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Because of COVID restrictions, please do not congregate in the Narthex. Thank you.



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Ryan Bennett, *Deacon*
The Reverend Alison J. Turner, *Subdeacon*
The Reverend Kathleen L. Liles, *Preacher*
The Reverend William A. Greenlaw, *The Prayers of the People*
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Aaron Koch, *Vesper*
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Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, *Soprano Soloist*