

186th Synod of the Diocese of Huron



Presider and Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

Friday, October 24, 2025

7:30pm

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, ON

Stewards of The Gift



Devote Time,



Share Talent,



Give Treasure,



A way of life!

The Order of the Processions

From the North

The Crucifer

The Marshal

The Regional Deans and Lay Co-Chairs of the Northern Deaneries

The Archdeacon of Northern Huron

From the East

The Crucifer

The Marshal

The Regional Deans and Lay Co-Chairs of the Eastern Deaneries

The Archdeacon of Eastern Huron

From the South

The Crucifer

The Marshal

The Regional Deans and Lay Co-Chairs of the Southern Deaneries

The Archdeacon of Southern Huron

From the West

The Crucifer

The Marshal

The Regional Deans and Lay Co-Chairs of the Western Deaneries

The Archdeacon of Western Huron

The Heads of Colleges

The Diocesan Banner

The Honorary Secretaries of Synod

The Chancellor Emeritus

The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Huron

The Archdeacons of the Diocese of Huron

The Retired Bishops

The Candle Bearers

The Gospeller

The Bishop of Huron

The Bishop's Chaplains

The MC

The Gathering of the Community

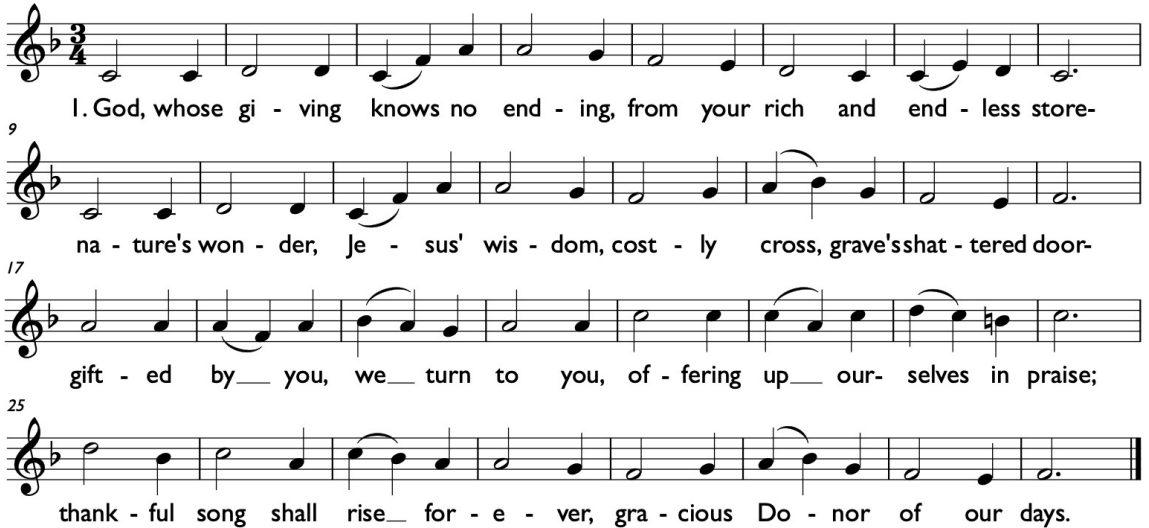
Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

please stand

BLAENWERN
CP 601

William Rowlands
1860-1937



9 I. God, whose gi - ving knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store-

17 na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave'sshat - tered door-

25 gift - ed by__ you, we__ turn to you, of - fering up__ our- selves in praise;

thank - ful song shall rise__ for - e - ver, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

The bishop greets the community.

Bishop: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People: **From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.**

Bishop: We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God's earth.

People: **We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.**

Gloria

*from the Missa O Quam Gloriosum
by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611)*

Collect of the Day

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

All sit

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense,

so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. 8:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-13

Silence will be kept

Gospel Acclamation

All stand.

Choir sings refrain; all repeat; choir sings verse; all sing refrain



Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your

peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. 10:1-12

The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

Silence will be kept

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

Bishop: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us offer to God our gratitude for the many gifts that we have been given, saying, "Thank you for hearing our prayer."

Leader: Creator God, you made the world and all that is in it. You have made us in your image. Forgive us when we put our own interests ahead of others, when we ignore those who need our help, when we hoard the gifts you have so freely given us. Help us to work for peace and justice for all people.

Holy God, Giver of all good things:

All: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you come to us with wisdom from on high. Enlighten our minds with the gift of learning and open our hearts to true discernment that we may grow in our faith and in our knowledge of you. Teach us to share that which we have been given with others that they may hear the good news of your love through us.

Holy God, Giver of all good things:

All: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Leader: God of all people, you have made us in your image, in wonderful diversity have you created us. Give us grace that we may delight in our differences, rejoicing in who we were created to be. May we find strength in our diversity and hope in your promises.

Holy God, Giver of all good things:

All: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Leader: Holy God, you have blessed us with abundance. We thank you for the gift of loving and the gift of being loved, for work and for rest, for this season of harvest and for our lives which come from you. We thank you for the gift of your church, for the ministry of Todd, our Bishop and for all clergy and lay people of the Diocese of Huron. We give you thanks for the faithful leadership of Dorothy Patterson and Pam Fulton. And we offer our prayers for Rob, Matt, Amanda and Carrie

who will be collated as Territorial Archdeacons. We ask that you bless their ministry among us, as they share with us the gifts you have given them for the good of your church.

Holy God, Giver of all things:

All: **Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen.**

Presentation of the Order of Huron

Pamela Fulton, St. John the Baptist, Walpole Island

Dorothy Patterson, St. Peter's, Oswe'ge (Six Nations)

The Collation of the Territorial Archdeacons

The congregation shall be seated.

Standing, the Regional Deans and Lay Co-chairs present the Archdeacons to the Bishop with the following words:

Bishop Todd, we invited you to collate and install:

Robert Lemon as the Archdeacon of Northern Huron

Matthew Kieswetter as the Archdeacon of Eastern Huron,

Amanda Longmoore as the Archdeacon of Western Huron

Carrie Irwin as the Archdeacon of Southern Huron.

Bishop: Rob, Matt, Amanda and Carrie, it will be your task as Territorial Archdeacons to join in the councils of the church, to guide and direct the ministries in the Deaneries under your care, to assist the Bishop in the care of the Clergy, to correct, direct and commend the faith of the church under your care, to assist parishes in times of searches for new priests, and to concern yourself with the ministry of the Deacons. You are to support and direct the newly ordained, joining with the Bishop in the governance of the body of Christ. You are to guard the resources of the church and see them well cared for in faithful stewardship of that which our forebears have purchased for us with their tears, toils and joys. Do you commit yourself, heart and soul to these ministries?

Archdeacons: With the help of God, I will give myself to the ministry entrusted to me.

The Archdeacons are vested in copes.

Bishop: In this service, we come to the table in a spirit of truth and reconciliation. Brought forward with our gifts will be offered the sacred medicines of sage, sweetgrass, cedar, and tobacco. These represent for us a new beginning, a new way of being with one another. They represent our Indigenous Anglican family offering us the gift of a journey. If we are to be sojourners on Creator's land, we must commit ourselves to the building of relationship, the accepting of responsibility, and the acknowledgment of learning to be done. With these offerings, we receive the gift of walking with our Indigenous siblings, and we mark our covenantal bond to one another.

Do you as the representatives of the North, South, East, and West come to this table to learn, to grow, and to receive the grace freely offered in the journey?

Archdeacons: Yes, we do.

Bishop: Will you all commit yourselves to the walking of the two row, taking the responsibility of relationship and community?

All: **Yes, we will.**

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

During the Offertory hymn, gifts to PWRDF-Huron will be collected.

BEACH SPRING
CP 585

The Sacred Harp
Mason 1844

I. Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
5 who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per-fect deed:
10 we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
15 con-se - cra - ting to your pur - pose ev-ery gift which you im - part.

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

Prayer over the Gifts:

Bishop: Eternal God,
 your word inspires our faith.
 May we who offer you our praise
 trust you in all things.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.



Presider: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.



Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
wonderfully you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All:

Community Mass
CP 732

Richard Proulx
1937-2010

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heav'n___ and

6 earth___ are full___ of your glo- ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -

11 san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes_ in the name_ of the

16 Lord, Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, " Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

Community Mass
CP 734

Richard Proulx
1937-2010



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: **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 Rite

Agnus Dei to the Communion setting in C

John Ireland (1879 - 1962)

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

Bishop: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All are invited to come forward for communion. Christians baptized in the name of the Trinity are welcome to receive communion, others may signify a desire for a blessing by crossing their hands over their chest. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is forbidden. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the chalice, you are welcome to receive only the bread.

Gluten free bread is available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you require a gluten free wafer.

Please exit your row into the aisle to your right, returning to your seat down the aisle on the left side of your section.

Music during Communion

Choir

Blessed be the God and Father

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810 - 1876)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

1 Peter 1

Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

MOZART
CP 435

Anon.

I. Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to_ thee;

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take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow_ in cease - less praise.

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Prayer after Communion

All stand

Bishop: God of peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things
keep faith in our hearts and lives,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: Glory to God,
All: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal Rites

Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: **From this time forth forevermore.**

Bishop: Almighty God, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of
you in your ministry; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Your Hand O God Has Guided*

THORNBURY
CP 444

Basil Harwood
1859-1949

I. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
5 the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.
10 Our fore-bears owned your goodness and we their deeds record,
15 and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise and hasten
to share the Royal feast;
and this was all their teaching
in every deed and word;
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**When shadows, thickly falling,
engulf the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one Faith, on Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep councils
Some better gift is stored:
The covenant of promise -
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Postlude

'Finale' from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher:	The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend	
Deacon:	The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson	
Director of Music, St. Paul's Cathedral:	Laurence Williams	
Singers:	The Adult Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral	
Hebrew Scripture Reader:	Dorothy Patterson	
Intercessor:	Jane Goad	
Eucharistic Administrants:	The Venerable Rob Lemon	
	Susan Johnson	The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson
	The Venerable Matthew Kieswetter	
	Ellen Hook	The Reverend Vermell Stevens
	The Venerable Amanda Longmoore	
	Ann Pickles	The Reverend Canon Ken Brooks
	The Venerable Carrie Irwin	
	Linda DeBurger	The Reverend Fred Eldridge
	The Reverend Jordan Murray	
Master of Ceremonies:		
The Bishop of Huron's Domestic Chaplains:	The Reverend Patricia Henderson	
	The Reverend Sarah Armstrong	
	The Reverend Patrick Martin	
	The Reverend Ann Weber	
	The Reverend Brendan Bedford	
Marshals:	The Reverend Jamie Baxter	
Servers:	Kyle Gascho	Michelle Hughes
	Rebekah Lemon	Chris Levett
	Annette Procunier	Jordan Sandrock
	Donna Whiteside	
Presenting the offering:	Alongside Hope representatives	
Greeters:	Lois Gosney	Doreen Hodgkinson
	Gord Rolleston	Joan Rolleston

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