

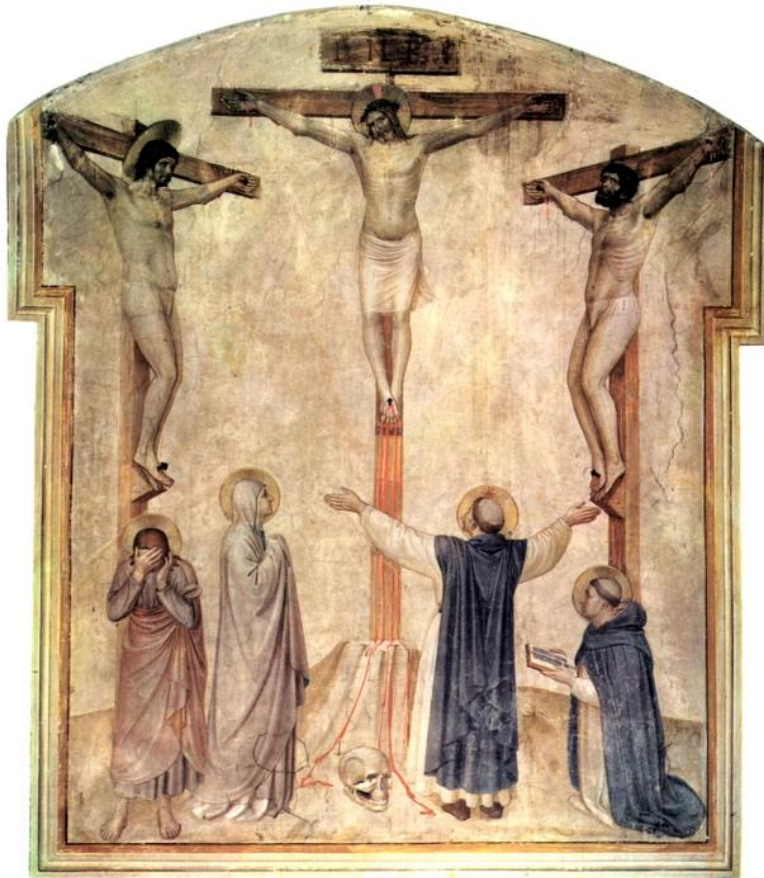
Saint Thomas's Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



Christ with the Two Thieves, Fra Beato Angelico, c. 1450
Fresco of the Monastery of San Marco, Florence

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PRELUDE: O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, *Johannes Brahms*

HYMN 108 – Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended

- 1 Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee,
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.
- 3 Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.
- 4 For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.
- 5 Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

HERZLIEBSTER JESU
Melody by J. Crüger, 1640, adapted by J.S. Bach

From the German of J. Heermann (1630)
Tr (1899) by Robert Bridges in the 'Yattendon Hymnal'

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM: 73, *Tone I,4*

- 1 Truly God is loving unto Israel: / even unto such as are of a clean heart.
- 2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; / my treadings had well-nigh slipt.
- 3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked:
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.
- 4 For they have no torments, / but are lusty and strong.
- 5 They come in no misfortune like other folk; /
neither are they plagued like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck, /
and violence covereth them as a garment.
- 7 Their iniquity cometh forth from the heart, /
and the imaginations of their mind overflow.
- 8 They scoff and speak of evil, / and talk proudly of oppression.
- 9 They stretch forth their mouth unto the heavens, /
and their tongue goeth through the world.
- 10 Therefore turn the people unto them, / and find no fault in them.
- 11 'Tush,' say they, 'how should God perceive it? /
is there knowledge in the Most High?'
- 12 Lo, these are the ungodly; / they are always at ease, and get riches in possession.
- 13 Then surely in vain have I cleansed my heart, /
and washed my hands in innocency.
- 14 For all the day long have I been punished, / and chastened every morning.
- 15 If I had said, 'I will speak thus', /
lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.
- 16 Then thought I to understand this, / but it was too hard for me,
- 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God, / and considered the end of these men;
- 18 For surely thou dost set them in slippery places, /
and castest them down, and destroyest them.
- 19 Oh, how suddenly do they consume, / perish, and come to a fearful end!
- 20 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh, /
so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
- 21 Thus my soul was grieved, / and my heart within me was stricken.
- 22 So foolish was I, and ignorant, / even as it were a beast before thee.
- 23 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee; / for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
- 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, / and after that receive me with glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
- 26 My flesh and my heart faileth; /
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

- 27 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: /
thou destroyest all them that are unfaithful unto thee.
- 28 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God, /
and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

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.

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 4.27-6.1

The First Lesson is written in the book Exodus, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

The LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.’” But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.” Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.” But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labours!” Pharaoh continued, “Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!” That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’ Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labor at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.”

So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw. Go and get straw yourselves, wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least.’” So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, the same daily assignment as

when you were given straw.” And the supervisors of the Israelites, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, “Why did you not finish the required quantity of bricks yesterday and today, as you did before?”

Then the Israelite supervisors came to Pharaoh and cried, “Why do you treat your servants like this? No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ Look how your servants are beaten! You are unjust to your own people.” He said, “You are lazy, lazy; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’ Go now, and work; for no straw shall be given you, but you shall still deliver the same number of bricks.” The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, “You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.” As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them. They said to them, “The LORD look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odour with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

Then Moses turned again to the LORD and said, “O LORD, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Tone VI*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; /

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; /

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

SECOND LESSON – Luke 23.26-49

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the twenty-third chapter, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS
Canticles: *Tone VI*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.
The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People: **And grant us thy salvation.**
Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;
People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Priest: O Lord, save thy people;
People: **And bless thine inheritance.**
Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

SEASONAL COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

A LENT PROSE

Refrain:

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against thee.

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

- 2 O thou chief Cornerstone, Right hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
With true contrition, now no more we veil them.
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
Falsely accus'd, and for us sinners sentenced:
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14