

Saint Thomas's Church

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, August 1, 2021

on Zoom

Evensong at 4:00 pm
followed by Coffee Hour



Peter's vision of a sheet with animals, Domenico Fetti, 1619
Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, Bilddatenbank

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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

In memory of Marjorie Linton;

*In loving memory of William Imrie Kennedy and Constance Stewart Kennedy,
by their daughter, Patricia;*

*In fond memory of my parents
the Reverend Klaas and Mrs. Wilhelmiena Hart, by Willem;*

In loving memory of Symon Francis Beckwith by his brother, Larry;

and

*In grateful remembrance of longtime Altar Guild member and Acolyte, J.P. Napier,
who died on Thursday, July 29, 2021.*

Officiant: Fr. Humphrey
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Mark Wood-Salomon

EVENSONG PRELUDE: Pieces for a Musical Clock (Set II), *Franz Joseph Haydn*

HYMN 568 – Be thou my Vision

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| 1 Be thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
Save that thou art,
Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light. | 4 Riches I heed not,
Nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
Now and always:
Thou and thou only,
First in my heart,
High King of heaven,
My treasure thou art. |
| 2 Be thou my Wisdom,
Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee,
Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
And I with thee one. | 5 High King of heaven,
After victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my Vision,
O Ruler of all. |
| 3 Be thou my battleshield,
Sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity,
Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter,
Thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power. | |

V / O Lord, open thou our lips;
R / *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

V / O God, make speed to save us;
R / *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

V / Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R / *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

V / Praise ye the Lord;
R / *The Lord's Name be praised.*

PSALM 46, Tone V, 1

- 1 God is our hope and strength, / a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed, /
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, /
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; / the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, /
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved; /
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; /
but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; / the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 9 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, /
what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.
- 10 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; /
he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder,
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 11 Be still then, and know that I am God; /
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; / the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 47, Tone VIII, 1

- 1 O clap your hands together, all ye peoples; /
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; /
he is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued the peoples under us, / and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for us, /
even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God is gone up with a merry noise, /
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; /
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth: /
sing ye praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the nations: / God sitteth upon his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, /
with the people of the God of Abraham;
- 10 For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; / he is very highly exalted.

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 – 2 Samuel 12.1-23

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his morsel, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.” Nathan said to David, “You are the man. Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over

Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; and I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'" David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die." Then Nathan went to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uri'ah's wife bore to David, and it became sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in and lay all night upon the ground. And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground; but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us; how then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD, and worshipped; he then went to his own house; and when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while it was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

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 – Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” But Peter began and explained to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came down to me. Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesare’a. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brethren also accompanied me, and

we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life."

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.**

V / The Lord be with you;

R / And with thy spirit.

V / Let us pray.

V / Lord, have mercy upon us.

R / Christ, have mercy upon us.

V / 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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *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

(the General Thanksgiving may be said)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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