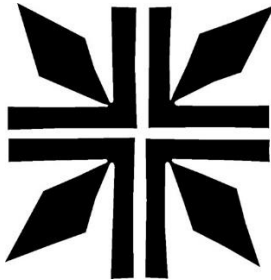


Saint Thomas's Church

The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Evensong & Devotions at 4:00 pm



Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

383 Huron Street,

Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G5

416-979-2323

www.stthomas.on.ca office@stthomas.on.ca

Officiant: Fr D'Angelo
Cantor: David Yung
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

PRELUDE: Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 1105, *J.S. Bach*

Hymn to be sung by the Cantor only

HYMN 22 – Holy Father, cheer our way

- 1 Holy Father, cheer our way
With thy love's perpetual ray;
Grant us every closing day
Light at evening time.
- 2 Holy Saviour, calm our fears
When earth's brightness disappears;
Grant us in our latter years
Light at evening time.
- 3 Holy Spirit, be thou nigh
When in mortal pains we lie;
Grant us, as we come to die,
Light at evening time.
- 4 Holy, Blessèd Trinity,
Darkness is not dark with thee;
Those thou keepest always see
Light at evening time.

HUDDERSFIELD
Rev R.H. Robinson, 1869

Sir W. Parratt, 1906

Responses sung by the Cantor only

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.*

PSALMS: 13 & 14, *Tones III,4 & IV,6*

- 1 How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? /
how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? /
how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; /
lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;
- 4 Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him'; /
for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice.
- 5 But my trust is in thy mercy, / and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
- 6 I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; /
yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

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.

- 1 The fool hath said in his heart, / 'There is no God.'
- 2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings; /
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
- 3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, /
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
- 4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; /
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
- 5 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, /
eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
- 6 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was; /
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
- 7 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor; /
because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

- 8 O that salvation for Israel were come out of Sion! /
When the Lord restoreth the fortunes of his people,
9 Then shall Jacob rejoice, / and Israel shall be right glad.

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 – Isaiah 26.1-13

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock. For he has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city he lays low. He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy. The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous. In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the soul's desire. My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. If favour is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness they deal perversely and do not see the majesty of the Lord. O Lord, your hand is lifted up, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed. Let the fire for your adversaries consume them. O Lord, you will ordain peace for us, for indeed, all that we have done, you have done for us. O Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but we acknowledge your name alone.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT
Plainsong Canticles, Tone III

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 – 1 Timothy 1.12 - 2.8

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme. First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and

thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument;

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainsong Canticles, Tone III

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

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

COLLECT OF ADVENT I

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *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.*

ANTHEM: But who may abide the day of His coming, *G.F. Handel*

*But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?
For He is like a refiner's fire.*

PRAYERS AND GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 AND THE GRACE

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 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

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

VERBUM SUPERNUM

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

ADVENT PROSE; Rorate (*to be sung by the Cantor only*)

Mode i

Refrain: Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness. Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Refrain*

We have sinnéd and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consuméd us, because of our iniquities. *Refrain*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me; I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Refrain*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blottéd out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Refrain*

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

V / Thou gavest them Bread from heaven;

R / *Containing in itself all sweetness.*

Collect of Corpus Christi:

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm 117—Laudate Dominum

Tone VI

Antiphon: Lēt üs ad-öre **Christ** our Lord : in the **most hö-ly** Sac-ra-ment.
O präise the Lord, all ye **na-tions** : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev-ër**. Praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Hö-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** änd. A-men. [*repeat antiphon*]