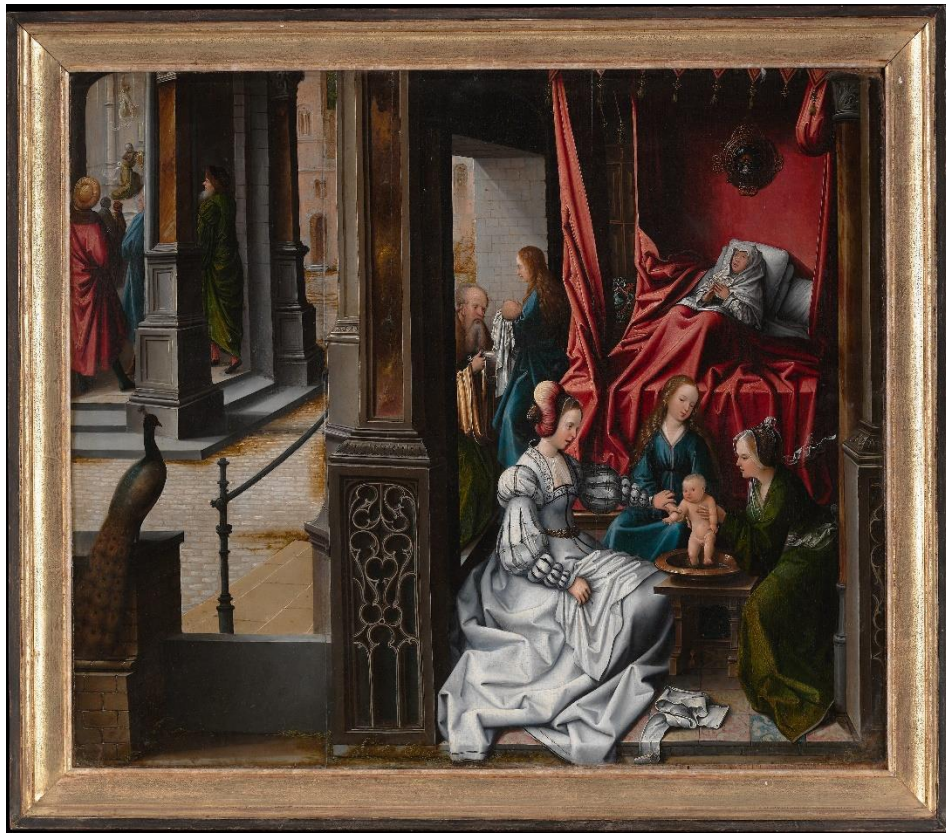


Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 5, 2021

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



The birth and naming of Saint John the Baptist
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PRELUDE: Christus, der uns selig macht, BWV 620, *J.S. Bach*

HYMN 61 – Jesus came – the heavens adoring

- 1 Jesus came – the heavens adoring –
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
When our hearts are bowed with care:
Jesus comes again in answer
To our earnest heart-felt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leadings souls redeemed to heaven
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.
- 4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
Let us then our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.

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: 98, Tone I,2

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, /
hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord hath declared his salvation: /
his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; /
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: /
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp: /
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, /
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein; /
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together
before the Lord; / for he is come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, / and the peoples with equity.

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: 99, Tone IV,4

- 1 The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble; /
he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
- 2 The Lord is great in Sion, / and high above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them give thanks unto thy Name, /
which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.
- 4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity: /
thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the Lord our God, / and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such
as call upon his Name: / these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; /
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God; /
thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.
- 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; /
for the Lord our God is holy.

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 11.10 - 12-end

The First Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the tenth verse.

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious. In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant which is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall swoop down upon the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them. And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching wind, and smite it into seven channels that men may cross dryshod. And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant which is left of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt. You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to thee, O LORD, for though thou wast angry with me, thy anger turned away, and thou didst comfort me. "Behold, God is

my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Tone I, 4*

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 1.1-25

The Second Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men."

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS
Canticles: *Tone I, 4*

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

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF ADVENT

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.*

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