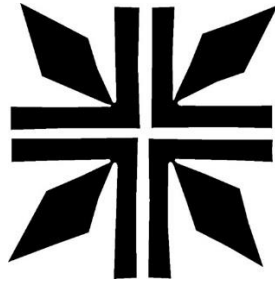


Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Evensong & Devotions at 4:00 pm



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PRELUDE: 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', Flor Peeters

Hymn to be sung by the Cantor only

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.

S^T THOMAS
Rev. Godfrey Thring, 1862

J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

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.***

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 5.18-end

Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes, who say: "Let him make haste, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it!" Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right! Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and smote them, and the mountains quaked; and their corpses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away and his hand is stretched out still. He will raise a signal for a nation afar off, and whistle for it from the ends of the earth; and lo, swiftly, speedily it comes! None is weary, none stumbles, none slumbers or sleeps, not a waistcloth is loose, not a sandal-thong broken; their arrows are sharp, all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs seem like flint, and their wheels like the whirlwind. Their roaring is like a lion, like young lions they roar; they growl and seize their prey, they carry it off, and none can rescue. They will growl over it on that day, like the roaring of the sea. And if one look to the land, behold, darkness and distress; and the light is darkened by its clouds.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT
Plainsong Canticles, Tone II

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 – 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.8

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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

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 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.*

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*

SERMON

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. Amen.

ANTHEM: The people that walked in darkness (from Messiah), *G.F. Handel*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

PANGE LINGUA

- 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: Lët 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 Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end. A-men. [*repeat antiphon*]