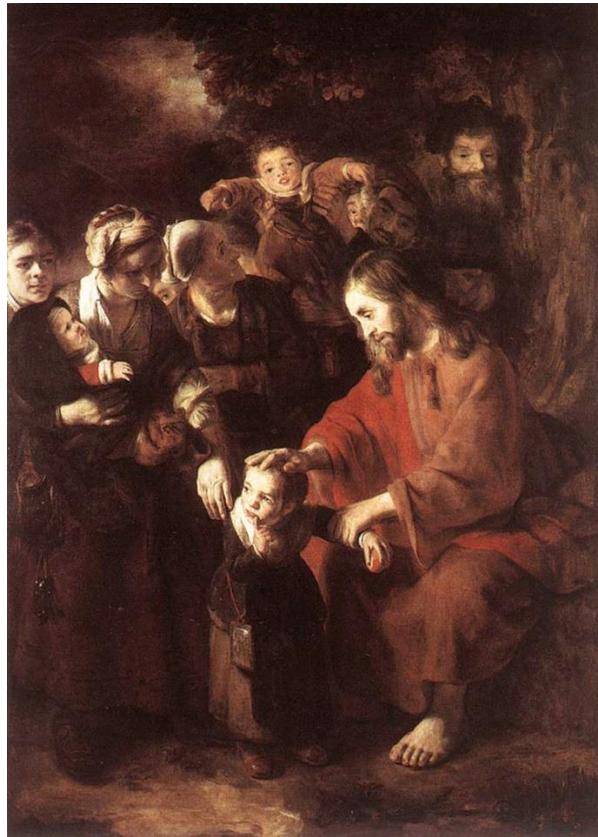


# Saint Thomas's Church

## The Sunday Called Septuagesima Sunday, February 13, 2022

**Evensong at 4:00 pm**

on Zoom  
followed by Coffee Hour



*Christ Blessing the Children, Nicolaes Maes, 1634-1693*  
National Gallery, London

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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:  
Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Jack Allen Fader, by his wife Marlene;  
and*

*Those on the Lady Altar are in loving memory of Jean and Doug Creighton  
by Dan and Jeff Josselyn-Creighton.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Shire  
**Cantor:** Rigzin Tute  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**HYMN 101** – Creator of the world, to thee

- 1 Creator of the world, to thee  
And endless rest of joy belongs;  
And heavenly choirs are ever free  
To sing on high their festal songs.
- 2 But we are fallen creatures here,  
Where pain and sorrow daily come;  
And how can we, in exile drear,  
Sing out, as they, sweet songs of home?
- 3 O Father, who dost promise still,  
That they who mourn shall blessed be;  
Grant us to mourn for deeds of ill,  
That banish us so long from thee:
- 4 But, weeping, grant us faith to rest  
In hope upon thy loving care;  
Till thou restore us, with the blest,  
Their songs of praise in heaven to share.

*S<sup>T</sup> GREGORY*  
*Knorr's Neuer Helicon, Nürnberg, 1684*

*Tr. from C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. J.M. Neale, 1849, and compilers, A. & M., 1861*

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: 80, *Tone IV, 4***

- 1 Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; /  
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, /  
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, /  
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, /  
and hast given them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 Thou makest us a very strife unto our neighbours, /  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt; /  
thou didst drive out the nations, and plant it in.
- 9 Thou madest room for it; / and when it had taken root it filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, /  
and the mighty cedars with the boughs thereof.
- 11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, / and her boughs unto the River.
- 12 Why hast thou then broken down her fences, /  
so that all they that go by pluck her grapes?
- 13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, /  
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- 14 Turn us again, O God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 15 Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine,  
and the stock that thy right hand hath planted, /  
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
- 16 It is burnt with fire and cut down; / they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, /  
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
- 18 And so shall we not go back from thee: /  
O let us live, and we will call upon thy Name.
- 19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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 – Genesis 2.4-end

The First Lesson is written in the book Genesis, in the second chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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 – Mark 10.1-16**

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

Jesus left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as

these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever 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*