

Saint Thomas's Church

Quinquagesima

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Livestreamed

Prelude at 4:00

Evensong at 4:15 pm

Coffee Hour from 4:45 to 5:30



20th Century Noah's Ark Icon by Natalia Ermakova

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PRELUDE: *20th Century English Art Song, with Jordan Baldwin and Matthew Whitfield*

HYMN 104 – O Holy Spirit, whom our Master sent

- 1 O Holy Spirit, whom our Master sent
Rich with all treasures from the throne above,
We pray thee for thy gift most excellent,
Thy greatest, thine unfailing gift of love.
- 2 Thy grace abounds; the written word is ours;
And Satan trembles at the might of prayer;
The shield of faith can quell the evil powers,
And hope's bright helmet save us from despair.
- 3 These yet abide; but we would covet still
One gift, exalted faith and hope above:
Grant us the new commandment to fulfil,
And even as Jesus loved us, so to love.
- 4 Grant us to follow his long-suffering path,
Joying in truth, yet helping them that fall,
To think no evil, give no place to wrath,
But bear, believe, endure, and hope for all.
- 5 So when at length we know as we are known,
And all the shadows are for ever past,
He who is Love may see in us his own,
And all in him be perfect love at last.

SONG 4
Rev. John Ellerton, 1890

Orlando Gibbons, 1623

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: 103, Tone VIII, 2

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul: / and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul: / and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, / and healeth all thine infirmities;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, /
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, /
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
- 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement /
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways unto Moses, / his works unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and gracious, /
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not alway be chiding: / neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, /
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, /
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west, /
so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, /
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made: / he remembereth that we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as grass; / for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; /
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever
upon them that fear him, / and his righteousness unto children's children;
- 18 Even unto such as keep his covenant, /
and think upon his commandments to do them.
- 19 The Lord hath established his throne in heaven, /
and his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength, /
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.
- 21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, / ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: / praise thou the
Lord, O my soul.

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 6.5-end

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the ground, man and beast and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh; for the earth is filled with violence through them; behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and set the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.” Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT *Plainchant Tone VII*

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 17.20-end

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Lo, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, ‘Lo, there!’ or ‘Lo, here!’ Do not go, do not follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot—they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other left.” And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainchant 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, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *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 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