

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Sunday Called Sexagesima
Sunday, February 20, 2022**

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Sermon on the Mount, Cosimo Rosselli, 1482
Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

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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 James and Ethel Baskin,
and John Atkinson, by Betty Anne and family.*

Celebrant: Fr. Shire
Homilist: Fr. Humphrey
Deacon: Fr. D'Angelo
Reader: David Kent
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

1. *Masks are required. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.*

2. *If you choose to sing, please do so softly.*

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Communion Service in C, *W.H. Harris*

PRELUDE: Adagio in E, *Frank Bridge*

Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

INTROIT: Psalm 13, ant v.5; *Tone III,4*

- 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.

But my trust is in thy mercy, / and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

Please kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please stand for the Collect.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45.3-11,15

The First Lesson is written in the forty-fifth chapter of the book Genesis, beginning at the third verse. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 37.1-11,40-41 - *Noli æmulari; Tone I,4*

- 1 Fret not thyself because of the ungodly; /
neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, /
and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good; /
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4 Delight thou in the Lord, / and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, /
and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, /
and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
- 7 Rest in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: /
but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper,
against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
- 8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: /
fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

- 9 For wicked doers shall be rooted out; /
but they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: /
thou shalt look upon his place, and he shall be away.
- 11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the land, /
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
- 40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord;/
who is also their refuge in the time of trouble.
- 41 And the Lord shall stand by them and save them: /
he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them,
because they put their trust in him.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50

The Epistle is written in in the fifteenth chapter of St Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Choir sings:

SEQUENCE HYMN 103 – Almighty God, thy word is cast

- 1 Almighty God, thy word is cast
Like seed into the ground:
Now let the dew of heaven descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove:
But give it root in every heart,
And bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy;
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,
That quickening grace bestow;
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving power may know.

ALBANO
Vincent Novello, 1868

Rev. John Cawood, 1815

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6.27-38

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Kneel.*) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, (*Rise.*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Please remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 384 – Praise to the Holiest in the height

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| 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways. | 5 O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo, |
| 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came. | 6 And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die. |
| 3 O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail; | 7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways. |
| 4 And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very Self,
And essence all-divine. | |

GERONTIUS
Rev J.B. Dykes, 1868

Cardinal J.H. Newman, 1866

The congregation may sit at the conclusion of the offertory hymn. Please stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Please kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for _____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. May God preserve the Church in truth and love.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____ [We give thanks especially on the anniversary this week of the {baptism of / confirmation of / marriage of / ordination of} _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick _____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked _____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. For thou art the fountain of light and life for all thy creation: thou hast made us in thine own image, and dost raise us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated Bread is broken.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant exchanges the peace with the Deacon and Subdeacon who, in turn, exchange the peace with the People. The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

Celebrant: We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

'Ave verum corpus,' Stephanie Martin

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

(Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 568 – Be thou my Vision

- 1 Be thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
Save that thou art,
Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my Wisdom,
Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee,
Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
And I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my battleshield,
Sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity,
Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter,
Thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not,
Nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
Now and always:
Thou and thou only,
First in my heart,
High King of heaven,
My treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven,
After victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my Vision,
O Ruler of all. Amen.

SLANE
Adapted from a traditional Irish Melody

Ancient Irish, Tr by Mary Byrne

Please kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 470 – Love Divine, all loves excelling

- 1 Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

HYFRYDOL
R.H. Prichard, 1855

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1747

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.

POSTLUDE: Epilogue, *Healey Willan*