

Saint Thomas's Church

The Sunday Called Sexagesima Sunday, February 20, 2022

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



Joseph sold into slavery, Johann Friedrich Overbeck, 1816
Alte Nationalgalerie, Berlin

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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.*

Officiant: Fr. Shire
Cantor: Rigzin Tute
Organist & Director of Music: 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
Orlando Gibbons, 1623

Rev. John Ellerton, 1890

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: 81, *Tone V, 1*

- 1 O sing merrily unto God our strength; /
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, /
the merry harp with the lute.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, /
at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this was made a statute for Israel, /
and a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, /
when he went forth against the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard the voice of one that I knew not: /
'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.
- 7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; /
I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: /
O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee, /
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
- 10 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: /
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice; /
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, /
and let them follow their own imaginations.
- 13 O that my people would hearken unto me, /
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon put down their enemies, /
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 The haters of the Lord should feign obedience unto him; /
but their time should endure for ever.
- 16 I would feed them also with the finest wheatflour; /
and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.'

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 37

The First Lesson is written in the book Genesis, in the thirty-seventh chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied.

So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. So

when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing - and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. He went back to his brothers and said, “The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn now?” Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.” He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him.

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

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 – Luke 10.25-37

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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 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, 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