Saint Thomas's Church

The First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 21, 2021

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Recital at 4:00 pm Evensong at 4:15 pm Coffee Hour from 4:45 to 5:30



The Institution of the Eucharist, Ercole de'Roberti, 1496

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PRELUDE: Partite diverse sopra "Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig," J.S. Bach - Matthew Whitfield, Organist

HYMN 118 – Come, let us to the Lord our God

- Come, let us to the Lord our God With contrite hearts return;
 Our God is gracious, nor will leave The desolate to mourn.
- 2 His voice commends the tempest forth And stills the stormy wave; And though his arm be strong to smite, 'Tis also strong to save.
- 3 Long hath the night of sorrow reigned; The dawn shall bring us light; God shall appear, and we shall rise With gladness in his sight.
- 4 Our hearts, if God we seek to know, Shall know him, and rejoice; His coming like the morn shall be, Like morning songs his voice.
- 5 As dew upon the tender herb, Diffusing fragrance round; As showers that usher in the spring, And cheer the thirsty ground:
- 6 So shall his presence bless our souls, And shed a joyful light; That hallowed morn shall chase away The sorrows of the night.

S^T BERNARD Rev. John Morison, 1781 arranged from Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741

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 32 Tone VI

- 1 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, / and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, / and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- For while I held my tongue, / my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
- 4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, / and my moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee; / and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my sins unto the Lord; / and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; /
 - when the great waters overflow, they shall not come nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; / thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
- 9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; / and I will guide thee with mine eye upon thee.
- 10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; / whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not come nigh thee.
- 11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly; / but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
- 12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; / and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

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.

PSALM 36, Tone II, 1

- 1 Sin speaketh to the wicked deep in his heart; /there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight / that his iniquity shall not be found out and be hated.
- 3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: / he hath left off to behave himself wisely and to do good.
- 4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and setteth himself in no good way; / neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.
- 5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, / and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.
- 6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: / thy judgements are like the great deep.
- 7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; how excellent is thy mercy, O God! / and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; / and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.
- 9 For with thee is the well of life; / and in thy light shall we see light.
- 10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, / and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.
- 11 O let not the foot of pride come against me; and let not the hand of the ungodly drive me away.
- 12 There are they fallen, that work wickedness; / they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

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 8

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ar'arat. And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made, and sent forth a raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put forth his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go forth from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring forth with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth." So Noah went forth, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. And every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves upon the earth, went forth by families out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Plainsong Canticles, Tone VIII, 1

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 14.1-26

It was now two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill him; for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people." And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. But there were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment thus wasted? For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the passover?" And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover. And when it was evening he came with the twelve. And as they were at table eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainsong Canticles, Tone III, 1

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.

O LORD who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

THE COLLECT OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

A LENT PROSE

Refrain:

Hear us, O Lord, Have mercy upon us: For we have sinned against thee.

1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

2 O thou chief Cornerstone, right hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: With true contrition, now no more we veil them. Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: Falsely accus'd, and for us sinners sentenced: Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

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