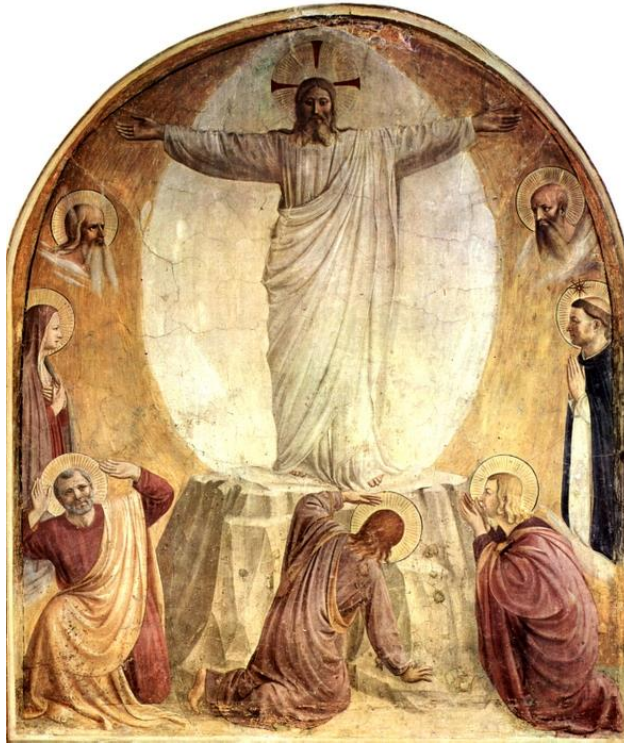


Saint Thomas's Church

**The Sunday Called Quinquagesima,
being the Fiftieth Day before Easter
Sunday, February 27, 2022**

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Transfiguration, Fra Angelico, c. 1450
Basilica di San Marco, Firenze

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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 Francis Burk Sutton, by his family;
and
Those on the Lady Altar are in memory of Jean Paul Napier, given by friends.*

Celebrant: Fr. Humphrey
Homilist: Fr. D'Angelo
Deacon: Fr. Shire
Reader: James Meade
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. *The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily, though the mask mandate and distancing restrictions remain in effect.*

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa à 4, Claudio Monteverdi

PRELUDE: 'Arabesque', from 24 Pièces en style libre Op.31, *Louis Vierne*

Elizabeth Anderson, Organist

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN 350 - All people that on earth do dwell

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him gladly serve, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why, the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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, 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34.29-35

The First Lesson is written in the thirty-fourth chapter of the book Exodus, beginning at the twenty-ninth verse.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

- 1 The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble; /
he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
- 2 The Lord is great in Sion, / and high above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them give thanks unto thy Name, /
which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.
- 4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity: /
thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the Lord our God, /
and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: /
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; /
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God; /
thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.
- 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; /
for the Lord our God is holy.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2

The Epistle is written in in the third chapter of St Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the twelfth verse.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9.28-36

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 371 – The God of Abraham praise

- 1 The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
Jehovah, great I Am,
By earth and heaven confest;
I bow and bless the sacred Name
For ever blest.
- 2 The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys
At his right hand:
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

- 3 The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest:
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow,
With mercy crowned.
- 4 There dwells the Lord, our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.
- 5 Before the Saviour's face
The ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
For ever new;
He shows his prints of love –
They kindle to a flame!
And sound through all the worlds above
'Worthy the Lamb'.
- 6 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
'Hail! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
They ever cry:
Hail Abraham's God and mine;
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise!

LEONI
Adapted from a Hebrew Melody

Thomas Olivers, 1770

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. We pray this day especially for our own parish community as we meet for our annual vestry meeting. May God grant us a spirit of wisdom and discerning in our discussions, and may God preserve all the Church in truth and love.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for peace in our world. We pray especially this day for the people of Ukraine. May God protect all who are victims of violence and warfare, and may the peace of Christ bring an end to all war between nations.

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: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, *Keith Bissell*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 582 – O for a closer walk with God

- 1 O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
- 2 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.
- 3 Return, O Holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.
- 4 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

5 So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

CAITHNESS
Melody in Scottish Psalter, 1635

William Cowper, 1772

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 385 – Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him

- 1 Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance he hath made.
- 2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his Name!

REX GLORIAE
Henry Smart, 1868

Anon., Foundling Hospital Collection, 1801

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

POSTLUDE: Adoration, *Florence Price*