

# Saint Thomas's Church

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

**Evensong at 4:00 pm**

on Zoom  
followed by Coffee Hour



*Joseph explains the dreams of Pharaoh, Marc Chagall, 1931*

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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.*

**Officiant:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Cantor:** ????  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**HYMN 37 – As now the sun’s declining rays**

- 1 As now the sun’s declining rays  
At eventide descend,  
So life’s brief day is sinking down  
To its appointed end.
- 2 Lord, on the Cross thine arms were stretched  
To draw thy people nigh;  
O grant us than that Cross to love,  
And in those arms to die.
- 3 All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run.

*S<sup>t</sup> PETER*  
*Tr. (1837) from the Latin on C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler*

*A.R. Reinagle, 1830*

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: 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 41.1-40

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

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and there came up out of the Nile seven sleek and fat cows, and they grazed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. The ugly and thin cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. Then seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them. The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream. In the morning his spirit was troubled; so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “I remember my faults today. Once Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard. We dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own meaning. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each according to his dream. As he interpreted to us, so it turned out; I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.”

Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them; and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.”

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great

plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."

The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?" So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

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 – 1 John 4.7-end

The Second Lesson is written in the first epistle of John, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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, 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.**

#### 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*