

# Saint Thomas's Church

**Sexagesima**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

*Livestreamed*

**Evensong Prelude at 4:00 pm**

*Organ & Vocal Music by César Franck, with Mark Wood-Salomon & Matthew Whitfield*

**Evensong at 4:15 pm**

**Coffee Hour from 4:45 to 5:30**



*Sower, Vincent van Gogh*

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**PRELUDE:** Sarabande in modo elegiaco, *Herbert Howells*

**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,  
To 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,  
Thy quickening grace bestow;  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving power may know.

*ALBANO*  
Rev. John Cawood, 1815

*Vincent Novello, 1868*

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:** 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 4.1-15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain said to Abel his brother, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me this day away from the ground; and from thy face I shall be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will slay me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If any one slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who came upon him should kill him.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

**THE MAGNIFICAT**  
*Plainchant, 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 3.1-15**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother. For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Here endeth the Second Lesson

**NUNC DIMITTIS**  
*Plainchant, Tone III*

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

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. *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 AND GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 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*