Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, January 16, 2022

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom followed by Coffee Hour



Christ Healing the Blind Man, Gioacchino Assereto, c. 1620 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church 383 Huron Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G5 416-979-2323 www.stthomas.on.ca office@stthomas.on.ca The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God: Those on the High Altar are in loving remembrance of Lilian Wei-Chee Goh, from her husband Swee Chua;

and

Those on the Lady Altar are in loving remembrance of Janice Elizabeth Fortner. Once a bright light in my life, now forever a memory in my heart. Given by her mother, Nancy Fortner.

PRELUDE: Adagio in C, W.A. Mozart

HYMN 94 – Earth has many a noble city

- Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel: Out of thee the Lord from heaven Came to rule his Israel.
- 2 Fairer than the sun at morning Was the star that told his birth, To the world its God announcing Seen in fleshly form on earth.
- Eastern sages at his cradle
 Make oblation rich and rare;
 See them give, in deep devotion,
 Gold and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: Incense doth their God disclose, Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, Myrrh his sepulchre foreshadows.
- 5 Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped At thy glad Epiphany, Unto thee, with God the Father And the Spirit, glory be.

Tr. (1849) from the Latin of Prudentius (348-413) by Rev. E. Caswall

STUTTGART Psalmodia Sancra, Gotha, 1715

> 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: 34, *Tone V*, 3

- 1 I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; / his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; / the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me, / and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; / yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.
- 5 O look unto him and be lightened; / and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him; / yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, / and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: / blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; / for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; / but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; / I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that desireth to live, / and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, / and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; / seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, / and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, / to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, / and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, / and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; / but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones, / so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; / and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants;/ and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 – Micah 3.5-end

The First Lesson is written in the book of the prophet Micah, in the third chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong. Its heads give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for hire, its prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us." Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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 – John 4.43 - 5.9

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the fourth chapter, beginning at the forty-third verse.

After the two days Jesus departed to Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honour in his own country. So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they too had gone to the feast.

So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was living. So he asked them the hour when he began to mend, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live"; and he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; 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

(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