

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Third Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**Evensong at 4:00 pm**

on Zoom  
followed by Coffee Hour



*The Healing of the Blind Man*, Spanish, first half 12<sup>th</sup> Century  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:  
Those at the High Altar are in loving memory of Margaret and Benjamin Stitt,  
and Madeline Graham, by Gail Fox.*

**Officiant:** Fr. D'Angelo  
**Cantor:** Rigzin Tute  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**PRELUDE:** Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623, *J.S. Bach*

**HYMN 328** – Behold! the mountain of the Lord

- 1 Behold! the mountain of the Lord  
In latter days shall rise  
On mountain tops above the hills,  
And draw the wondering eyes.
- 2 To this the joyful nations round,  
All tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,  
And to his house we'll go.
- 3 The beam that shines from Zion hill  
Shall lighten every land;  
The King who reigns in Salem's towers  
Shall all the world command.
- 4 Among the nations he shall judge;  
His judgements truth shall guide;  
The sceptre shall protect the just,  
And quell the sinner's pride.
- 5 No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
Disturb those peaceful years;  
To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,  
To pruning-hooks their spears.
- 6 Come then, O house of Jacob! come  
To worship at his shrine;  
And, walking in the light of God,  
With holy beauties shine.

*BISHOPTHORPE*  
*Jeremiah Clarke, 1670-1707*  
*Arr. by Edward Miller, 1790*

*Scottish Paraphases, 1781*

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: 65, *Tone VIII, 1***

- 1 Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion; /  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer, / unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me: / O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest, /  
that he may dwell in thy courts.
- 5 We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, / even of thy holy temple.
- 6 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, /  
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,  
and of them that remain in the broad sea;
- 7 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, / and is girded about with power;
- 8 Who stilleth the raging of the seas, /  
the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
- 9 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy tokens, /  
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
- 10 Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: / thou makest it very plenteous.
- 11 The river of God is full of water: /  
thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth.
- 12 Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges thereof: /  
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
- 13 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; / and thy paths drip with fatness.
- 14 The pastures of the wilderness drip; / and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 15 The pastures are clothed with flocks: /  
the valleys also stand so thick with grain that they laugh and sing.

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: 67, *Tone III, 4***

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us, /  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, / thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; /  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.
- 6 The earth hath brought forth her increase; /  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us; / and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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 4.1-7**

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

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant; and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and for evermore.

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 9

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint John, in the ninth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a

sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him. Jesus said, "For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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*