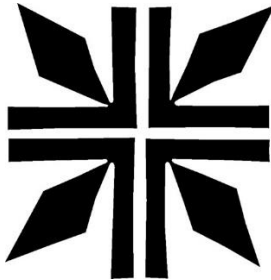


Saint Thomas's Church

The Second Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Evensong & Devotions at 4:00 pm



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PRELUDE: Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614, *J.S. Bach*

Hymn to be sung by Cantor only

HYMN 751 – I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship

- 1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when,
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.
- 2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,
Or how his heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.
- 3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

- 4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

LONDONDERRY AIR
Rev. W.Y. Fullerton, 1929

Arr. by F.C. Silvester, 1938

Responses sung by Cantor only

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: 45 – Eructavit cor meum; *Tone VIII,2*

- 1 My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I recite my verses for the king: /
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; /
full of grace are thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, /
according to thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride on to victory in the cause of truth,
and of meekness and righteousness; /
and let thy right hand teach thee terrible deeds.
5 Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the king's enemies, /
and the peoples shall be subdued unto thee.
6 Thy throne, O God, endureth for ever: /
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

- 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; /
wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with
the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; /
out of ivory palaces stringed instruments make thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women: /
upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold.
- 10 Hearken, O daughter, consider, and incline thine ear; /
forget also thine own people and thy father's house;
- 11 So shall the king have pleasure in thy beauty; /
since he is thy lord, bow thou down to him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: /
even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.
- 13 The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious; /
her clothing is of wrought gold.
- 14 She is brought to the king in raiment of needlework: /
the virgins that be her fellows bear her company, and are brought unto thee.
- 15 With joy and gladness are they led along, /
as they enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have sons, /
whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make thy name to be remembered from one generation to another; /
therefore shall the peoples praise thee, world without end.

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 – Isaiah 55

“Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Harken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in D, *Charles Villiers Stanford*

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 – Luke 2.22-40

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in

Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan’u-el, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in D, *Charles Villiers Stanford*

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

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever 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.*

ANTHEM: Schlafendes Jesuskind, *Hugo Wolf*

Son of the Virgin, child of Heaven, on the ground; Upon the wood of suffering Thou hast fallen asleep, that the pious master, meaningfully playful, Has placed under Thy light dreams; Flower Thou, still only encompassing Half-lit in the bud the glory of the Father! Oh could one see what images behind this brow, behind these black Lashes, are painted in gentle alternation! (Eduard Mörike [1804 - 1875])

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

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

VERBUM SUPERNUM

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (Hymn 234, Part 2)

PANGE LINGUA

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

*V / Thou gavest them Bread from heaven;
R / Containing in itself all sweetness.*

Collect of Corpus Christi:

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm 117—Laudate Dominum

Tone VI

Antiphon: Lët üs ad-öre **Christ** our Lord : in the **most hö**-ly Sac-ra-ment.

O präise the Lord, all ye **na**-tions : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev**-ër. Praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** änd. A-men. [*repeat antiphon*]