

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



Christ Blessing, Andrea Previtali, 1511
The National Gallery, London

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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:
Those at the High Altar are in memory of Lilly and Neilson Swan.*

Officiant: Fr. Humphrey
Cantor: Mark Wood-Salomon
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

HYMN 23 – God, that madest earth and heaven

- 1 God, that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night;
May thine angel-guards defend us,
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night.
- 2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in thy mighty keeping
All peaceful lie:
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Do not thou our God forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With thee on high.

AR HYD Y NOS
Welsh traditional carol

Bishop R. Heber, 1827, v 2, Archbishop Whately, 1838

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: 107 Pt 1, *Tone I, 2*

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, /
and his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, /
and delivered from adversity;
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, /
from the north and from the south.
- 4 They that wandered in the wilderness, even in a desert place, /
found no way to a city where men dwelt.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, / their soul fainted in them.
- 6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, /
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them forth by the right way, /
that they might go to a city where men dwelt.
- 8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, /
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 9 For he satisfieth the empty soul, / and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
- 10 They that sat in darkness and the shadow of death /
were fast bound in misery and iron;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, /
and lightly regarded the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 He also brought down their heart with hard labour: /
they fell down, and there was none to help them.
- 13 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, /
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, /
and brake their bonds in sunder.
- 15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, /
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, / and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.
- 17 They that are foolish are afflicted for their offence, /
and because of their wickedness.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, /
and they were even hard at death's door.
- 19 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, /
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent his word and healed them, / and saved them from their destruction.
- 21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, /
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifices of thanksgiving, /
and tell out his works with gladness!
- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, /
and occupy their business on the great waters;

- 24 These men see the works of the Lord, / and his wonders in the deep.
25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, / which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: /
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, / and are at their wits' end.
28 So they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, /
and he delivereth them from their distress.
29 For he maketh the storm to cease, / so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest; /
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.
31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, /
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people, /
and praise him in the assembly of the elders!

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 5.2-7

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

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace, when the Assyrian comes into our land and treads upon our soil, that we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men; they shall rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with the drawn sword; and they shall deliver us from the Assyrian when he comes into our land and treads within our border. Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers upon the grass, which tarry not for men nor wait for the sons of men.

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 10.1-18

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

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed

my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.”

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.
O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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