

Saint Thomas's Church

Saint Benedict of Nursia

Sunday, July 11, 2021

on Zoom

Evensong at 4:00 pm

Coffee Hour at 4:45 pm



A Miracle of Saint Benedict, c. 1480

The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

They were given in loving memory of Elizabeth Thoms, by her grateful family;

*In loving memory of Robert Morley Smith and Francesca Madeline Beehler,
by Gregory Smith and Elisabeth Burke;*

In loving memory of Ernest, Vera and Peter Hall, by Dianne Hall;

and

In memory of deceased members of the Acolytes' Guild.

Officiant: Fr Humphrey
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Rigzin Tute

PRELUDE: Andante in F, *W.A. Mozart*

HYMN 37 – As now the sun’s declining rays

- 1 As now the sun’s declining rays
At eventide descend,
So life’s brief day is sinking down
To its appointed end.
- 2 Lord, on the Cross thine arms were stretched
To draw thy people nigh;
O grant us than that Cross to love,
And in those arms to die.
- 3 All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.

S^T PETER
Tr. (1837) from the Latin on C. Coffin (1736) by Rev. John Chandler

A.R. Reinagle, 1830

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 18.22-52

- 22 The Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing; /
according to the cleanness of my hands did he recompense me.
- 23 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord, /
and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.
- 24 For I had an eye unto all his laws, /
and did not cast out his commandments from me.
- 25 I was also uncorrupt before him, /
and kept myself from mine own wickedness.
- 26 Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing, /
and according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- 27 With the merciful thou shalt show thyself merciful; /
and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.
- 28 With the pure thou shalt show thyself pure; /
and with the perverse thou shalt deal accordingly.
- 29 For thou shalt save the people that are lowly, /
and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 30 Thou also shalt light my candle; /
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.
- 31 For in thee I can discomfit an host of men, /
and with the help of my God I can leap over the wall.
- 32 The way of God is an undefiled way: /
the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is the defender
of all them that put their trust in him.
- 33 For who is God but the Lord? /
or who hath any strength except our God?
- 34 It is God that girdeth me with strength, / and maketh my way perfect.
- 35 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, / and setteth me up on high.
- 36 He teacheth my hands to fight, /
so that mine arms can bend even a bow of steel.
- 37 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation; /
thy right hand also hath held me up, and thy loving correction
hath made me great.
- 38 Thou hast made room enough under me for to go, /
that my footsteps did not slide.
- 39 I followed upon mine enemies and overtook them; /
neither did I turn again till I had destroyed them.

40 I smote them, that they were not able to stand, /
but fell under my feet.
41 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; /
thou hast thrown down mine enemies under me.
42 Thou didst make mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me, /
and I destroyed them that hated me.
43 They cried, but there was none to help them; /
yea, even unto the Lord did they cry, but he did not hear them.
44 I beat them as small as the dust before the wind: /
I cast them out as the clay in the streets.
45 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people,
and hast made me the head of the nations; /
a people whom I had not known did serve me.
46 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; /
and strangers humbled themselves before me.
47 The strangers lost heart, / and came trembling out of their strongholds.
48 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper, /
and praised be the God of my salvation;
49 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged, /
and subdueth the peoples under me.
50 It is thou that deliverest me from my cruel enemies,
and settest me up above mine adversaries: /
thou dost rid me from the wicked man.
51 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the nations, /
and sing praises unto thy Name.
52 Great deliverance giveth he unto his king, /
and showeth loving-kindness unto his anointed, unto David and unto his
seed for evermore.

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 – Deuteronomy 3.18-28

“And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess; all your men of valour shall pass over armed before your brethren the people of Israel. But your wives, your little ones, and your cattle (I know that you have many cattle) shall remain in the cities which I have given you, until the LORD gives rest to your brethren, as to you, and they also occupy the land which the LORD your God gives them beyond the Jordan; then you shall return every man to his possession which I have given you.’ And I commanded Joshua at that time, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are going over. You shall not fear them; for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.’ “And I besought the LORD at that time, saying, ‘O Lord GOD, thou hast only begun to show thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as thine? Let me go over, I pray, and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that goodly hill country, and Lebanon.’ But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not hearken to me; and the LORD said to me, ‘Let it suffice you; speak no more to me of this matter. Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and behold it with your eyes; for you shall not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him; for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land which you shall see.’

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles, Tone I, 4

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 24.36-53

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in

the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS

Te lucis ante terminum, Plainchant

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 almighty God, who willest to be glorified in thy Saints, and didst raise up thy servant Benedict to shine as a light in the world: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praises, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF TRINITY VI

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 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