

Saint Thomas's Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2022

**High Mass
at 11 o'clock**



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, c. 1669
National Gallery of Art, London

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Celebrant: Fr. Shire
Homilist: Fr. Humphrey
Deacon: Fr D'Angelo
Reader: Maureen Somerville
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

1. *Masks are required. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.*

2. *The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily, though the mask mandate and distancing restrictions remain in effect.*

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa IV: *Cunctipotens genitor Deus*

PRELUDE: Sonata No.2 in A minor, BWV 1003, *J.S. Bach*
Grave/Fuga/Andante/Allegro
Patricia Ahern, Baroque violinist

Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

INTROIT: *Lætare (Ps 122, selected verses); Mode v*

Please kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The choir sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5.9-12

The First Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the book of Joshua, beginning at the ninth verse.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 32 - *Beati, quorum*; Tone VI

Tone VI



- 1 BLESS-ED is he whose unrighteousness is for-**giv**-en :
and whose **sin** is cov-er-ed.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth **no** sin :
and in whose spi-**rit** thère is no guile.
- 3 For while I held **my** tongue :
my bones consumed away through my dai-**ly** cöm-plain-ing.
- 4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day **and** night :
and my moisture was changed as with the **drought** öf sum-mer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin un-**to** thee : and mine unrighteousness **have** I not hid.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my sins unto **the** Lord' :
and so thou forgavest the wicked-**ness** öf my sin.
- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest **be** found :
when the great waters overflow, they shall **not** cöme nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from **trou**-ble :
thou shalt compass me about with songs **of** dë-liv-er-ance.
- 9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou **shalt** go :
and I will guide thee with mine **eye** üp-on thee.
- 10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no under-**stand**-ing :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
else they will **not** cöme nigh thee.
- 11 Great plagues remain for the un-**god**-ly :
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth **him** ön ev-ery side.
- 12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in **the** Lord :
and be joyful, all ye **that** äre true of heart.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

The Epistle is written in in the fifth chapter of St Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 828 – Now is the healing time decreed

- 1 Now is the healing time decreed
For sins of heart, of word or deed,
When we in humble fear record
The wrong that we have done the Lord:
- 2 Who, always merciful and good,
Has borne so long our wayward mood,
Nor cut us off unsparingly
In our so great iniquity.
- 3 Therefore with fasting and with prayer,
Our secret sorrow we declare;
With all good striving seek his face,
And lowly hearted plead for grace.
- 4 Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,
Help us the meed of praise to gain,
Till with the Angels linked in love
Joyful we tread thy courts above.
- 5 Father and Son and Spirit blest,
To thee be every prayer adrest,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord. Amen.

RECTOR POTENS (mode ii)

*Latin, 6th cent. asc. to St Gregory the Great
Tr T.A. Lacey 1853-1931*

GOSPEL: Luke 15.1-3,11-32

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel
according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and

let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of Christ
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand. The passiontide vestments are brought before the sanctuary to be blessed.

BLESSING OF VESTMENTS

Thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

Celebrant: Clothe thy ministers with righteousness:

People: **Let thy people sing with joy.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, thou hast revealed thy Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept these vestments for the use of the clergy and people of thy Church in memory of Jean Paul Napier, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to thee, they may show forth his eternal splendour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

Merbecke

Mode I

I be-lieve in one God: The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble:
And in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God,
Be-got-ten of the Fa-ther be-fore all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, Ve-ry God of ve-ry God;
Be-got-ten, not made; Be-ing of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther;
Through whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our sal-va-tion
came down from Heaven,
And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, And was made man.
And was cru-ci-fi-ed al-so for us un-der Pon-tius Pi-late.
He suf-fer-red and was bu-ri-ed, And the third day he rose a-gain

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to heaven,

And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther,

And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:

Whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord,

the Giv - er of life, Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son,

Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fied,

Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - lic, and A - pos - to - lic Church.

I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins.

And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.

A - men.

OFFERTORY

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

OFFERTORY HYMN 118 – Come, let us to the Lord our God

- 1 Come, let us to the Lord our God
With contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
The desolate to mourn.
- 2 His voice commands the tempest forth
And stills the stormy wave;
And though his arm be strong to smite,
'Tis also strong to save.
- 3 Long hath the night of sorrow reigned;
The dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise
With gladness in his sight.
- 4 Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
Shall know him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
Like morning songs his voice.
- 5 As dew upon the tender herb,
Diffusing fragrance round;
As showers that usher in the spring,
And cheer the thirsty ground:
- 6 So shall his presence bless our souls,
And shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away
The sorrows of the night.

ST BERNARD
arranged from Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741

Rev. John Morison, 1781

The congregation may sit at the conclusion of the offertory hymn. Please stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God who art our refuge and our strength, receive thou these gifts, and through the death and resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ, change us unto his likeness, through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for _____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those preparing for baptism this Lent. We pray especially for our catechumens James and Obazee who will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. May all who seek after God grow in faith and be held in support by the Church.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____ [We give thanks especially on the anniversary this week of the {baptism of / confirmation of / marriage of / ordination of} _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick _____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence, especially for the people of Ukraine; for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked _____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Accept our prayers in the embrace of thy compassion, and welcome all people to the festive banquet of thy table, where we may rejoice in thy love and celebrate the inheritance thou hast given to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Almighty and most merciful Father, **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant alone stands to pronounce the absolution.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts, and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that, reborn through the waters of baptism, and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated Bread is broken. A sustained period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

Remember not, Lord, our offences; *Henry Purcell*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever. *(Collect from The Great Litany, BCP)*

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 437 – Jesu, meek and lowly

- 1 Jesu, meek and lowly,
Saviour, pure and holy,
On thy love relying
Hear me humbly crying.
- 2 Prince of life and power,
My salvation's tower,
On the Cross I view thee
Calling sinners to thee.
- 3 There behold me gazing
At the sight amazing:
Bending low before thee,
Helpless I adore thee.
- 4 By thy red wounds streaming,
With thy life-blood gleaming,
Blood for sinners flowing,
Pardon free bestowing.

- 5 By that Fount of blessing,
Thy dear love expressing,
All my aching sadness
Turn thou into gladness.
- 6 Lord, in thy mercy guide me,
Be thou e'er beside me;
In thy ways direct me,
'Neath thy wings protect me.

S^t MARTIN
C. Err, Cantica Scara, 1840

Rev. Henry Collins, 1854

Please kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

LENTEN BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 503 – I heard the voice of Jesus say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright’:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till travelling days are done.

KINGSFOLD
Arr. from an English Traditional Melody

Rev. Horatio Bonar, 1846

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.

POSTLUDE: Alle Menschen müssen sterben, BWV 1117, *J.S. Bach*