

Saint Thomas's Church

The Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 7, 2021

Livestreamed

Recital at 4:00 pm

Evensong at 4:15 pm

Coffee Hour from 4:45 to 5:30



Jesus before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin
Oswalt Kreusel, 1591

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EVENSONG PRELUDE:

Benjamin Britten: Vocal Works | Rigzin Tute, tenor; Matthew Whitfield, pianist

We Sing to Him

Canticle I: My Beloved Is Mine and I Am His

The Choirmaster's Burial

Death Be Not Proud

HYMN 116 – Giver of the perfect gift

- 1 Giver of the perfect gift,
Only Hope of human race,
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift
Trembling at thy throne of grace.
- 2 Though the accusing voice within
Speaks of many a wrong to thee,
Thou canst cleanse from every sin,
Thou canst set the conscience free.
- 3 Who can save us, Lord, but thou?
Let thy mercy show thy power;
Lo, we plead thy promise now,
Now, in this the accepted hour.
- 4 Oh! may these our Lenten days,
Blest by thee, with thee be passed,
That with purer, nobler praise
May we keep thy Feast at last.
- 5 God the Holy Trinity,
Grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee
Through the ages evermore.

SONG 13

Tr (1871) from the Latin (c. 11th Cent.) by Rev. J. Ellerton

Orlando Gibbons, 1623

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 55, Tone I, 8

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God, / and hide not thyself from my petition.
- 2 Take heed unto me, and hear me, / how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.
- 3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast; /
for they are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they set against me.
- 4 My heart is disquieted within me, / and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
- 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, /
and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.
- 6 And I said, 'O that I had wings like a dove! / for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
- 7 Lo, then would I get me away far off, / and abide in the wilderness.
- 8 I would make haste to find me a shelter / from the stormy wind and tempest.'
- 9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them; /
for I have spied violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go about it, upon the walls thereof: /
iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
- 11 Wickedness is therein: / oppression and guile go not out of her streets.
- 12 For it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dishonour; /
for then I could have borne it;
- 13 Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me; /
for then I would have hid myself from him.
- 14 But it was even thou, my companion, / my guide, and mine own familiar friend.
- 15 We took sweet counsel together, / and walked in the house of God as friends.
- 16 As for me, I will call upon God, / and the Lord shall save me.
- 17 In the evening, and morning, and at noon- day will I pray, and that instantly; /
and he shall hear my voice.
- 18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; /
for there were many that strove with me.
- 19 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down; /
for they will not turn, nor fear God.
- 20 He laid his hands upon such as were at peace with him, / and he brake his covenant.
- 21 His speech was smoother than butter, yet war was in his heart; /
his words were softer than oil, yet be they very swords.
- 22 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall uphold thee, /
and shall not suffer the righteous to be moved for ever.
- 23 But as for them, thou, O God, shalt bring them down / into the pit of destruction.
- 24 The bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; /
but my trust shall be in thee.

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 – Genesis 24.1-28

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your descendants I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, grant me success today, I pray thee, and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Let the maiden to whom I shall say, ‘Pray let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac. By this I shall know that thou hast shown steadfast love to my master.” Before he had done speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethu’el the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her water jar upon her shoulder. The maiden was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, and filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, “Pray give me a little water to drink from your jar.” She said, “Drink, my lord”; and she quickly let down her jar upon her hand, and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw for your camels also, until they have done drinking.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not. When the camels had done drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, and said, “Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to lodge in?” She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethu’el the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” She added, “We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.” The man bowed his head and worshipped the LORD, and said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of my master’s kinsmen.” Then the maiden ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT
Plainsong 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 – Mark 14.53-end

And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet not even so did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments, and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway. And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Here endeth the Second Lesson

NUNC DIMITTIS
Plainsong 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.

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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who livest and reignest 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.*

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

A LENT PROSE

Refrain:

Hear us, O Lord, Have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against thee.

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

- 2 O thou chief Cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
With true contrition, now no more we veil them.
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
Falsely accus'd, and for us sinners sentenced:
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Refrain

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