

Saint Thomas's Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity Sunday, November 14, 2021

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



Christ Cleansing the Temple, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), c. 1565
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.



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

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Grace Kelso by her husband Clair
and her daughters Charis and Felica and their families;*

*Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Murray Kingsburgh, by his daughter Robin
and grandsons Justin and Adam.*

Officiant: Fr Shire
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Rigzin Tute

HYMN 36 – The day is past and over

- 1 The day is past and over;
All thanks, O Lord, to thee;
I pray thee now that sinless
The hours of dark may be:
O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.
- 2 The joys of day are over;
I lift my heart to thee,
And ask thee that offenceless
The hours of dark may be:
O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.
- 3 The toils of day are over;
I raise the hymn to thee,
And ask that free from peril
The hours of dark may be:
O Jesu, keep me in thy sight,
And guard me through the coming night.
- 4 Be thou my soul's preserver,
For thou alone dost know
How many are the perils
Through which I have to go:
O loving Jesu, hear my call,
And guard and save me from them all.

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: 17 – Exaudi Domine, *Tone II, 1*

- 1 Hear the right, O Lord, consider my complaint, /
and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
- 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; /
and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is right.
- 3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season;
thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me; /
for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.
- 4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips /
I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.
- 5 My steps have held fast to thy paths, / and my feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: /
incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.
- 7 Show thy marvellous loving-kindness,
thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee, /
from such as resist thy right hand.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of an eye; / hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- 9 From the ungodly that trouble me, /
even mine enemies that compass me round about to take away my soul.
- 10 They close their heart to pity, / and their mouth speaketh proud things.
- 11 They lie waiting in our way on every side, /
watching to cast us down to the ground;
- 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, /
and as it were a lion's whelp lurking in secret places.
- 13 Up, Lord, confront him, and cast him down; /
deliver my soul from the ungodly by thy sword;
- 14 By thy hand from men, O Lord, from men of the world; /
who have their portion in this life, and whose bellies thou fillest with thy treasure.

15 They have children at their desire, /
and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.
16 But as for me, I shall behold thy presence in righteousness; /
and when I awake, I shall be satisfied with thy likeness.

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 – Ecclesiasticus 15.11-end

The First Lesson is written in the fifteenth chapter of the book Ecclesiasticus, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Do not say, “Because of the Lord I left the right way”; for he will not do what he hates. Do not say, “It was he who led me astray”; for he had no need of a sinful man. The Lord hates all abominations, and they are not loved by those who fear him. It was he who created man in the beginning, and he left him in the power of his own inclination. If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Tone II, 2*

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 – Matthew 21.12-32

The Second Lesson is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the twelfth verse.

And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it they marvelled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him."

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles: *Tone II, 1*

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

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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.*

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