

Saint Thomas's Church

The Sunday Next Before Advent – The Reign of Christ
Sunday, November 21, 2021

Evensong at 4:00 pm

on Zoom
followed by Coffee Hour



Icon of the New Testament Trinity, c. 1450
This Byzantine icon is in the Cleveland Museum of Art



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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 Rev. E.N. Dungan, husband of Margaret, father of Siobhán, father-in-law of Teige, and grandfather of Ciara, Emmet, and Liam;

Those on the Lady Altar in memory of Frank Donald McEachern and his parents Melville Duncan McEachern and May McEachern.

Officiant: Fr. D'Angelo
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Rigzin Tute

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Victoria, *Benjamin Britten*

HYMN 64 – The Lord will come and be not slow

- 1 The Lord will come and be not slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.
Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.
- 2 Surely to such as do him fear
Salvation is at hand!
And glory shall ere long appear
To dwell within our land.
Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shall by right
The nations all possess.
- 3 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy Name.
For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

OLD 107TH
Composed or arranged by Louis Bourgeois, 1543

John Milton (cento), 1648

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: 81, Tone V,1

- 1 O sing merrily unto God our strength; /
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, /
at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, /
when he went forth against the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard the voice of one that I knew not: /
'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.
- 7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; /
I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: /
O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee, / neither shalt thou worship any other god.
- 10 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: /
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice; / and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, /
and let them follow their own imaginations.
- 13 O that my people would hearken unto me, / that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon put down their enemies, /
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 The haters of the LORD should feign obedience unto him; /
but their time should endure for ever.
- 16 I would feed them also with the finest wheat-flour; /
and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy 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.**

PSALM: 82, *Tone VIII,2*

- 1 God standeth in the divine assembly; / in the midst of the gods he judgeth:
- 2 'How long will ye give wrong judgement, /
and accept the persons of the ungodly?
- 3 Do justice for the poor and the fatherless; /
see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
- 4 Deliver the outcast and poor; / save them from the hand of the ungodly.'
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk on still in darkness; /
all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- 6 I have said, 'Ye are gods, / and ye are all the children of the Most High.
- 7 But ye shall die like men, / and fall like one of the princes.'
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; /
for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.

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 – Malachi 3.13 – 4-end

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of the prophet Malachi, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

“Your words have been stout against me, says the LORD. Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against thee?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the good of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? Henceforth we deem the arrogant blessed; evildoers not only prosper but when they put God to the test they escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another; the LORD heeded and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and thought on his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, my special possession on the day when I act, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

“For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Eli’jah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: *Tone V, 3*

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 – Hebrews 11.17 – 12.2

The Second Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your descendants be named.” He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy

the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king; for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the first-born might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles: *Tone III, 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.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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