

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The First Evensong of Saint Luke**  
**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

*on Zoom*

**Evensong at 4:00 pm**  
**followed by Coffee Hour**



Saint Luke, from a German Psalter, c. 1120-1140

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

*Those on the High Altar are in loving memory of Hilda and James Short;*

*Those on the Lady Altar are in loving memory of friends and relatives by Marlene Fader.*

**Officiant:** Fr Humphrey  
**Cantors:** Elizabeth Anderson & Shannon Halliwell-MacDonald

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**PRELUDE:** Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654, *J.S. Bach*

**HYMN 206** – What thanks and praise to thee we owe

- 1 What thanks and praise to thee we owe,  
O Priest and Sacrifice divine,  
For thy dear saint through whom we know  
So many a gracious word of thine;
- 2 Whom thou didst choose to tell the tale  
Of all thy manhood's toils and tears,  
And for a moment lift the veil  
That hides thy boyhood's spotless years.
- 3 How many a soul with guilt oppressed  
Has learned to hear the joyful sound  
In that sweet tale of sin confessed,  
The father's love, the lost and found!
- 4 What countless worshippers have sung,  
In lowly fane or lofty choir,  
The song that loosed the silent tongue  
Of him who was the Baptist's sire!
- 5 And still the Church through all her days  
Uplifts the strains that never cease,  
The Blessèd Virgin's hymn of praise,  
The agèd Simeon's words of peace.
- 6 O happy saint! whose sacred page,  
So rich in words of truth and love,  
Pours on the Church from age to age  
This healing unction from above;
- 7 The witness of the Saviour's life,  
The great apostle's chosen friend  
Through weary years of toil and strife,  
And still found faithful to the end.

8 So grant us, Lord, like him to live,  
Beloved by man, approved by thee,  
Till thou at last the summons give,  
And we, with him, thy face shall see.

MELCOMBE  
Samuel Webbe, 1782

Archbishop W.D. Maclagan, 1873

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 41** *Tone IV, 8*

- 1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; /  
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
- 2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive,  
that he may be blessed in the land; /  
and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
- 3 The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; /  
thou makest all his bed in his sickness.
- 4 I said, 'Lord, be merciful unto me; /  
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.'
- 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, /  
saying, 'When shall he die, and his name perish?'
- 6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity, /  
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,  
and when he goeth forth he telleth it.
- 7 All mine enemies whisper together against me; /  
even against me do they imagine this evil.
- 8 'Some deadly thing', say they, 'hath laid hold upon him; /  
and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.'

- 9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted, /  
who did also eat of my bread, hath lift up his heel against me.  
10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord; /  
raise thou me up, and I shall reward them.  
11 By this I know thou favourest me, /  
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.  
12 And as for me, because of mine innocency thou hast upheld me, /  
and hast set me before thy face for ever.  
13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, /  
world without end. Amen and Amen.

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 43** *Tone III, 4*

- 1 Give sentence for me, O God, and defend  
my cause against an ungodly people; /  
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.  
2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? /  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?  
3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, /  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;  
4 And that I may go unto the altar of God,  
even unto the God of my joy and gladness; /  
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.  
5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? /  
and why art thou so disquieted within me?  
6 O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, /  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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 – Isaiah 55

The First Lesson is written in the fifty-fifth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

“Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Harken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign which shall not be cut off.”

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 – Luke 1.1-4

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

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

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 SAINT LUKE

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; 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

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*