

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, October 24, 2021**

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Healing of the Blind Man at Jericho, 1470-1479

The artist is thought to be either Master Zeno or Van Evert Zoudenbalch.
Museum Catherijneconvent, Utrecht, Netherlands

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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 James Michael Smith;

*Those on the Lady Altar are in memory of loved ones,
by the Rev'd Clement Carelse and Christine Hurlbut-Carelse.*

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

*Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted by Covid regulations.
The Choir alone will make sung responses. All are encouraged to make the said responses.*

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Communion Service in E, *Harold Darke*

PRELUDE: Adagio (Symphony IX), *Antonin Dvorák*

The Choir alone sings:

INTROIT: Psalm 119, Pt 1

- 1 Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, / and walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, / and seek him with their whole heart;
- 3 Even they that do no wickedness, / but walk in his ways.
- 4 Thou hast ordained thy precepts / that we should diligently keep them.
- 5 O that my ways were made so direct / that I might keep thy statutes!
- 6 So shall I not be confounded, / while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
- 7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, /
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
- 8 I will keep thy statutes: / O forsake me not utterly.

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.

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, / and walk in the law of the Lord.

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.**

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.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

People: **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R / **And with thy spirit.**

Please remain standing for the Collect

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31.7-9

The First Lesson is written in the thirty-first chapter of the book of the prophet Jeremiah, beginning at the seventh verse.

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The LORD has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.

The word of the Lord.

R / **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir alone sings:

PSALM: 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Sion, /
then were we like unto them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, / 'The Lord hath done great things for them.'
- 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; / whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, / as the rivers in the South.
- 6 They that sow in tears / shall reap in joy.
- 7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, /
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 7.23-28

The Epistle is written in the seventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.
R / Thanks be to God.

The Choir alone sings:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10.46-52

V / The Lord be with you.

R / **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St Mark, beginning at the forty-sixth verse.

R / *Glory be to thee O Lord*

And they came to Jericho; and as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ.

R / **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Choir alone

OFFERTORY HYMN – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in His blood.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

S^T HELENA
Calvin Hampton (© 1977, G.I.A. Publications)

Rev. F.W. Faber, 1849

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Please kneel

INTERCESSIONS

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

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

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

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / 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

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I Bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people. For all that we are thankful for _____, and for all the gifts that God has given us. May God's abiding presence be with us always, and may we be a blessing to all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick _____, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, 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 _____, that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / 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.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Jesu Christ, teacher and healer, thou heardest the cries of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us ever to be attentive to the voices others wouldst ignore, that we might heed them through the power of thy Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for thy sake and the sake of the gospel. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

V / The Lord be with you; *R* / **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery with bread and wine to nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;

R / And with thy spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

Celebrant: 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.

AGNUS DEI

The Choir sings:

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.

MOTET

Cantique de Jean Racine, *Gabriel Fauré*

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and sky, we kneel in adoration; O Saviour, turn on us Thy loving eye. Send down on us the fire of Thy Grace all consuming, whose wondrous might disbursed the powers of hell, And rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow Thy Blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee; Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory and these Thy gifts which we return unto Thee. (Translation by Harold Heibert)

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
R / **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir alone sings:

CONCLUDING HYMN 124 – Saviour, when in dust to thee

- 1 Saviour, when in dust to thee
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes,
O by all thy pains and woe
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn litany.
- 2 By thy helpless infant years,
By thy life of want and tears,
By thy days of sore distress
In the savage wilderness;
By the dread mysterious hour
Of the insulting tempter's power;
Turn, O turn a favouring eye;
Hear our solemn litany.
- 3 By the sacred griefs that wept
O'er the grave where Lazarus slept;
By the boding tears that flowed
Over Salem's loved abode;
By the mournful word that told
Treachery lurked within thy fold;
From thy seat above the sky
Hear our solemn litany.
- 4 By thine hour of whelming fear;
By thine agony of prayer;
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn;
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice;
Listen to our humble cry;
Hear our solemn litany.
- 5 By thy deep expiring groan;
By the sealed sepulchral stone;
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God;
O from earth to heaven restored,
Mighty, re-ascended Lord;
Listen, listen to the cry,
Of our solemn litany.

MADRID
The Spanish Hymn, Philadelphia, 1826

Sir Robert Grant, 1815

POSTLUDE: Alla breve in D Major, BWV 589, *J.S. Bach*